

# SOUTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: GRADUATION

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<p><i>Replaces former policy 5127</i></p> <p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Authority Title 22 Sec. 4.24, 4.51, 4.52</p> <p>Title 22, Sec. 4.24</p> <p>SC 1611, 1613 Title 22 Sec. 4.24 Pol. 102, 127, 213</p> <p>Pol. 233</p> <p>SC 1614 Title 22 Sec. 4.12, 4.24 11.27 34 CFR Sec. 300.102, 300.305 Pol. 113</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">217. GRADUATION</p> <p>The Board shall establish graduation requirements and acknowledge each student’s successful completion of the instructional program by awarding diplomas and certificates at graduation ceremonies.</p> <p>The Board shall adopt the graduation requirements students must achieve in accordance with state regulations.</p> <p>The Board requires graduation requirements to be published and distributed to students and parents/guardians, and made available in each school building or on the district’s website. All changes to graduation requirements shall be published and distributed to students and parents/guardians, and made available in each school building or on the district’s website immediately following approval by the Board.</p> <p><u>Diplomas</u> The Board shall award a high school diploma to every student enrolled in this district who meets the requirements for graduation established by this Board.</p> <p>A student who has completed the requirements for graduation shall not be denied a diploma as a disciplinary measure, but the student may be denied participation in the graduation ceremony when personal conduct so warrants. Such exclusion shall be regarded as a school suspension.</p> <p><u>Students With Disabilities</u> The Board shall permit a student with a disability, whose Individualized Education Program (IEP) prescribes continued educational services, to participate in commencement ceremonies with his/her graduating class and receive a certificate of attendance, provided that the student has attended four (4) years of high school. The Board shall issue a high school diploma to each student with a disability who completes the graduation requirements established by the Board or the goals established in the student’s IEP, as determined by the student’s IEP team.</p>
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<p>Title 22 Sec. 11.5, 11.8</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 11.4, 11.8</p> <p>3. Delegation of Responsibility Title 22 Sec. 4.24</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 4.12, 4.24, 4.51, 4.52 Pol. 102, 127, 213</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 4.12, 4.24, 4.51, 4.52 Pol. 102, 127, 213</p> <p>Pol. 212</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 4.24</p>	<p><u>Part-Time Students</u></p> <p>A student may qualify for graduation by attending a district school part-time when lawfully employed part-time or when officially enrolled part-time in a postsecondary institution.</p> <p><u>Full-Time Postsecondary Students</u></p> <p>The fourth year of high school shall not be required for graduation if a student has completed all requirements for graduation and attends a postsecondary institution as a full-time student.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for ensuring the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Publication and distribution of graduation requirements to students and parents/guardians.</li> <li>2. Counseling of students regarding expectations of graduation requirements.</li> <li>3. Assessment of individual student attainment of academic standards to ensure the student’s progress toward achievement of graduation requirements.</li> <li>4. Accurate recording and reporting of each student’s progress and accumulation of graduation requirements.</li> <li>5. Provision of assistance to those students having difficulty attaining the academic standards.</li> <li>6. Development of a list of individuals who qualify for the award of a diploma.</li> <li>7. Planning and executing graduation ceremonies that appropriately recognize this important achievement.</li> </ol> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1611, 1613, 1614</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.12, 4.24, 4.51, 4.52, 11.4, 11.5, 11.8, 11.27</p>
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	<p>Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations – 34 CFR Part 300</p> <p>Board Policy – 102, 113, 127, 212, 216, 233</p>
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