

SECTION: PUPILS
 TITLE: GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
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ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

217. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>The Board will acknowledge each student's successful completion of the instructional program appropriate to the student's interests and needs by awarding diplomas and certificates at graduation ceremonies.</p>
<p>2. Authority Title 22 Sec. 4.24, 4.51, 4.52</p>	<p>The Board shall adopt the graduation requirements students must achieve in accordance with state regulations.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 4.13, 4.24 Pol. 100</p>	<p>The Board shall include the district's graduation requirements in the Strategic Plan.</p>
<p>SC 1611, 1613 Title 22 Sec. 4.13, 4.24</p>	<p>The Board shall award a regular high school diploma to every student enrolled in the district who meets the requirements of graduation established by this Board</p>
<p>SC 1614 Title 22 Sec. 11.27 Pol. 113</p>	<p>The Board shall permit a student with disabilities, who has attended four (4) years of high school, to participate in commencement ceremonies with his/her graduating class and receive a certificate of attendance, even if the student's Individual Education Plan (IEP) prescribes continued educational services. The student may receive a high school diploma when s/he completes his/her IEP.</p>
<p>SC 1613 Title 22 Sec. 4.12 Pol. 102, 127</p>	<p>The requirements for graduation shall be the completion of required assessments, work and studies representing the instructional program assigned to grades 9 through 12, which shall be aligned with established state academic and common core standards.</p> <p>The Board requires that each candidate for graduation shall have earned twenty-seven and one-half (27.5) credits.</p>

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<p>Title 22 Sec. 11.4, 11.8</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>Title 22 Sec. 11.5, 11.8</p>	<p>A student may qualify for graduation by attending a district school part-time when officially enrolled part-time in a postsecondary institution.</p>												
<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for the planning and execution of graduation ceremonies, which appropriately mark this important achievement.</p>												
<p>4. Guidelines Pol. 213, 216</p>	<p>Accurate recording of each student's achievement of established state academic and common core standards shall be maintained, as required by law and state regulations.</p> <p>Students and parents/guardians shall be informed of graduation requirements they are required to complete.</p> <p>The requirements for graduation as established by the Antietam Board of Directors shall include the successful completion of the specified number of planned courses' units in each area listed:</p>												
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	<p>* Beginning with the Class of 2014, all students must successfully complete four (4) units of mathematics to graduate.</p>												
	<p>Note: A unit is defined as a planned course of instruction assigned credit according to the time spent in class.</p>												
	<p>Each student recommended for graduation will have completed a total of twenty-seven and one-half (27.5) credits, a culminating project, and achieve specified levels on the State Achievement Test or equivalent as designed by the Antietam School District.</p>												
<p>Pol. 212</p>	<p>Periodic warnings shall be issued to students in danger of not fulfilling graduation requirements.</p> <p>No student who has completed the requirements for graduation shall be denied a diploma as a disciplinary measure, but s/he may be denied participation in the graduation ceremony when personal conduct so warrants. Such exclusion shall be regarded as a school suspension.</p>												

<p>SC 1504, 1605, 1611, 1613</p>	<p>A list of all graduating students shall be submitted to the Board for its information and released to the public.</p> <p>Students who fail to satisfy the graduation requirements will be ineligible for receipt of an Antietam High School diploma. In lieu of the diploma, they shall receive a certificate of achievement.</p> <p>It shall be the responsibility of the Board President to award the diplomas and certificates each year to the graduating class.</p> <p><u>BCIU Cyber Charter School</u></p> <p>The district recognizes the participants of the cyber charter school established by the Berks County Intermediate Unit and will award an Antietam School District diploma to students successfully completing that program providing that all graduation requirements as set forth in this policy are completed.</p> <p>BCIU cyber charter students are not included in GPA standing, class rank, or any senior activities but may participate in commencement if they so choose.</p> <p><u>Commencement Decorum And Attire</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Dress will be appropriate for the formal occasion (i.e. dress shoes, socks, trousers, shirts for boys; slacks, pantsuits, dresses, blouses, dress shoes for girls).2. Commencement regalia shall be only those items approved and issued by the district. Students are not permitted to wear or otherwise be adorned by banners, cords, etc. not issued and approved by the district.3. Behavior shall be appropriate for a formal event (i.e. no yelling, shouting individual names, no distracting paraphernalia or devices). Any student violating the decorum will be removed immediately from the ceremonies. Any student violating the student trip policy and discipline code of the school district shall not be permitted to participate in exercises.4. Anyone's use and/or possession of any controlled substance (i.e. drugs and alcohol, firecrackers, firearms, etc.) is prohibited and will be turned over to the proper authorities for prosecution.5. Anyone violating the policy on graduation procedures will be denied participation in/or observation of graduation exercises.
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References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1611, 1613, 1614

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.12, 4.13, 4.24, 4.51, 4.52, 11.4, 11.5, 11.8, 11.27

Board Policy – 100, 102, 113, 127, 212, 213, 216, 233