

INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM DIPLOMAS

It is the policy of the Board of Education that diplomas be granted to students with disabilities who have completed their individualized education programs and have attended the district's schools, or received a substantially equivalent instruction elsewhere for twelve years beyond kindergarten. This diploma is not meant to replace the high school diploma, and students who receive them have the continued right to attend school until they are 21 or until they receive a high school diploma, whichever comes earlier. The Superintendent of Schools is directed to promulgate regulations in accordance with the requirements of state law and regulation.

Whenever possible, the individualized education program for a student with a disability should be designed to enable the student to earn a Regents or regular local high school diploma.

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If a student receiving a high school individualized education program diploma is less than twenty-one years of age, the diploma shall be accompanied by a written assurance of the student's continued right to attend public school until the end of the school year in which the student reaches age twenty-one or until the student has earned a high school diploma, whichever is earlier.

The Committee on Special Education shall review the progress of all disabled students who will attain the age of twenty-one year prior to the end of the current school year and those disabled students who have received twelve years of education for who an application for a high school individualized education program diploma has been made. The committee shall notify the Superintendent of Schools of those students eligible to receive a high school individualized education program diploma.

The Superintendent shall notify the Board of Education, prior to graduation ceremonies in June, as to which students are eligible to receive a high school individualized education program diploma. The Board shall direct that individualized education program diplomas be issued to eligible students.

The Superintendent shall file a report with the Commissioner within 15 days of June graduation, in the form and containing the information required by the Commissioner.

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