

9700 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

9735 Graduation - Issuance of a Diploma

Commencement:

The Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, shall fix the date of the school commencement and shall pay such expenses in connection therewith as it may determine. The commencement program shall be arranged under the direction of the principal and the faculty and shall be approved by the Superintendent.

The Board and Superintendent or his/her designee shall issue a diploma at commencement to each student satisfactorily completing the prescribed course of instruction in the high school. All graduates will receive a diploma.

Senior students who have not completed all state, district and/or school requirements for graduation as of the final day of school will be eligible to participate in district commencement exercises, but will not receive a diploma with their class.

Students who have not completed all state, district and/or school requirements for graduation but complete those requirements within the same calendar year as their class, after acceptable evidence has been presented to the principal, will be issued diplomas with the same year date as their class. The diploma will be issued by certified mail unless the student submits to the guidance office in writing one of the following options:

1. The diploma may be picked up in the school office.
2. The student may participate in the next regularly scheduled commencement exercises the following academic year.

Students who have been granted permission by the Board to attend an approved college full time in lieu of attending high school during the senior year shall be granted a diploma upon successful completion of the freshman year of college.

Students Not Graduating with Class:

A senior who fails may be **remediated** ~~tutored~~ in not more than two subjects during the summer months immediately following the graduation of his/her class from high school. ~~After successful completion of tutoring of courses in these subjects~~ **After achieving a passing grade in the course or courses** he/she may be granted a subject credit or credits and be presented his/her diploma.

1. All ~~tutoring~~ remediation shall be approved by the Superintendent or his/her designee.
2. Such ~~tutoring~~ remediation shall be at the expense of the individual receiving the tutoring.

~~Dropouts and senior failures may earn a high school diploma through application to the Department of Education for a Commonwealth Secondary School Diploma which is earned by achieving satisfactory scores in GED tests administered through the Department of Education and achieving the requirements. This test will be administered twice each year at the Warren County Area Vocational Technical School to those who are eligible. Eligibility requirements may be obtained by contacting the guidance office.~~

Honorary Diploma

The Board may approve honorary diplomas as follows:

- 1. World War II Veterans High School Diploma in compliance with the Pennsylvania Operation Recognition.**
- 2. Life Achievement High School Diploma.**

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall develop criteria and administrative procedures for Warren County School District Honorary Diplomas.

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Legal Reference -
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