

5411 EIGHTH GRADE EXIT POLICY

The Board of Education will recognize with fitting ceremonies a pupil's completion of the program of studies offered by this district in elementary school and the pupil's entrance to secondary school.

Successful completion of the program of studies in elementary school requires achievement of the instructional objectives set for each course of study, demonstration of mastery of the proficiencies established for each course, and a satisfactory attendance record. The parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of a pupil who may be prevented from graduating shall be so notified in advance and no later than six weeks prior to the close of the school year. Every effort shall be made to remediate a pupil's deficiencies before graduation is denied.

No pupil who has completed the requirements for graduation shall be denied a diploma as a disciplinary measure, but may be denied participation in the ceremony of graduation when personal conducts so warrants. Such exclusion shall be regarded as a school suspension, and shall be subject to the same procedures and guarantees of due process as suspension.

The requirements for promotion from elementary school of a disabled pupil shall be set forth in the pupil's Individualized Education Program. Completion of those specialized requirements shall qualify the pupil for graduation and entry to secondary school.

N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.9; 18A:36-14; 18A:36-15;
18A:36-18; 18A:38-25 et seq.
N.J.A.C. 6:8-7.1

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