

5411 PROMOTION FROM EIGHTH GRADE

It shall be the policy of the Board of Education to acknowledge each pupil's successful completion of the instructional program appropriate to the achievement of district goals and objectives as well as personal proficiency by the award of a diploma at fitting graduation ceremonies.

No pupil who has completed the requirements for promotion shall be denied a diploma as a disciplinary measure, but he or she will be denied participation in the ceremony of graduation when personal conduct 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 a suspension.

Awards may be presented to graduating pupils at the discretion of the Principal.

Middle school pupils who fail two academic subjects or more (Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and World Languages) will not participate in the graduation ceremony. Please see Policy 5410 for promotion requirements. Pupils who are denied participation in the Graduation ceremony will receive their diploma not sooner than one day after graduation, if eligible.

The requirements for graduation from elementary school of an educationally handicapped 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. 6:3-4A.1; 6A:8-4.4 et seq.

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