

POLICY

Board of Education Bernards Township

**File Code: M 5465
EARLY GRADUATION**

The Board of Education will grant a State-endorsed high school diploma to a pupil who has not completed the twelfth grade. Each request for early graduation will be considered individually by the Board, and will be guided by the recommendation of the Superintendent and the high school Principal and will be in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.1 et seq. and 6A:8-5.2 et seq.

A pupil will be permitted early graduation from high school if he/she has satisfied the number of course credits for graduation established by Board Policy No. 5460, and demonstration of proficiencies in all sections of the HSPA or SRA process applicable to the class graduating in the year all other graduation requirements are met; and a satisfactory attendance record as defined by Policy and Regulation No. 5200.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.2(d), the Board will award a State-endorsed high school diploma to any individual who has performed at a proficient or advanced proficient level of achievement in all sections of the HSPA; has presented official transcripts showing at least thirty general education credits leading to a degree at an accredited institution of higher education; and has, formally requested such early award of a State-endorsed high school diploma.

A pupil permitted to graduate before the end of the twelfth grade will be issued a state-endorsed diploma certifying that he/she has met all state and local requirements for early graduation. The diploma will bear the date of its issuance. The pupil may be permitted to participate in graduation ceremonies with his/her classmates without formal readmission to the school district on application to and approval of the high school Principal.

N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-1 et seq.

N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.1 et seq.; 6A:8-5.2 et seq.

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