

EASTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: GRADUATION
REQUIREMENTS

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217. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	
1. Purpose	The Board will acknowledge each student's successful completion of the instructional program appropriate to the student's interests and needs by awarding a diploma at graduation ceremonies.
2. Authority Title 22 Sec. 4.24, 4.51, 4.52	The Board shall adopt the graduation requirements students must achieve, which shall include course completion and grades, completion of a culminating project, and results of district and/or state assessments.
SC 1611, 1613 Title 22 Sec. 4.13, 4.24 Pol. 100	The Board shall award a regular high school diploma to every student enrolled in this district who meets the requirements of graduation established by this Board as part of the district's Comprehensive Plan.
SC 1613 Title 22 Sec. 4.12 Pol. 102, 127	A requirement for graduation shall be the completion of work and studies representing the instructional program assigned to grades 9 through 12, which are aligned to established academic standards. Beginning with the class of 2017, students must achieve proficiency on the Keystone Examination in Biology, Algebra, and Literature, or successfully complete the Project Based Assessment in the respective content area. The superintendent or designee may issue an exemption to this requirement based on extenuating circumstances and a recommendation by the building principal.
Title 22 Sec. 11.4, 11.8	The Board requires that each candidate for graduation shall have earned the number of credits specified by the district. The fourth year of high school shall not be required if the student has been accepted by an accredited institution of higher learning and has completed all requirements for graduation.
3. Delegation of Responsibility	The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for planning and executing graduation ceremonies that appropriately recognize this important achievement.
4. Guidelines Pol. 213, 216	Accurate recording of each student's achievement of academic standards shall be maintained, as required by law and state regulations.

Pol. 212	<p>Students shall be informed of graduation requirements they are required to complete.</p> <p>Periodic warnings shall be issued to students in danger of not fulfilling graduation requirements.</p> <p>The Board-mandated graduation requirements for Easton Area High School students are 24.5 units of study as follows:</p> <table data-bbox="453 548 967 835"> <tr><td>English</td><td>4 units</td></tr> <tr><td>Math</td><td>3 units</td></tr> <tr><td>Science</td><td>3 units</td></tr> <tr><td>History</td><td>4 units</td></tr> <tr><td>Physical Education</td><td>2 units</td></tr> <tr><td>Health</td><td>.5 units</td></tr> <tr><td>Electives</td><td>6 units</td></tr> <tr><td>Electives (Humanities)</td><td>2 units</td></tr> </table> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">24.5 units</p>	English	4 units	Math	3 units	Science	3 units	History	4 units	Physical Education	2 units	Health	.5 units	Electives	6 units	Electives (Humanities)	2 units
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Pol. 233	<p>A student who has completed the requirements for graduation shall not be denied a diploma as a disciplinary measure, but the student may be denied participation in the graduation ceremony when personal conduct so warrants. Such exclusion shall be regarded as a school suspension.</p>																
SC 1613	<p>A list of all candidates for the award of a diploma shall be submitted to the Board for its approval.</p> <p><u>Diplomas for Eligible Veterans</u></p>																
SC 1611	<p>In order to honor and recognize eligible veterans who left high school prior to graduation to serve in World War II or the Korean War, the Board shall grant a diploma to a veteran who meets the applicable requirements of law and completes the required application.</p> <p>Upon proper application, the Board may award a diploma posthumously to a veteran who meets the stated requirements.</p>																

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1611, 1613, 1614

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.12, 4.13, 4.24, 4.51, 4.52, 11.4, 11.5, 11.8, 11.27

Board Policy – 100, 102, 113, 127, 212, 213, 216, 233