

**Policy**

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to be graduated from the Chester school district and advance to high school a student must:

- A. Meet both state and district proficiency standards in the core curriculum content areas;
- B. Complete successfully any course requirements stated in the administrative code, unless those of the district are greater, in which case the district's standard must be met. The proficiencies required must include the New Jersey Student Learning Standards approved by the state board of education.

Successful completion means that the student has demonstrated the degree of proficiency required by the district to indicate achievement of the district goals for the particular course, and has attended the required number of course sessions.

The chief school administrator shall put into effect the procedures necessary to assess each student upon entry into the system, and, annually thereafter, to identify those students not meeting the state or district proficiency requirements. He/she shall develop the programs necessary to remedy these deficiencies at the lowest possible grade level.

Basic Skills

Students who do not pass the New Jersey Department of Education approved statewide proficiency assessments in grades three through eight shall be provided appropriate remediation.

Students with Limited English Proficiency

Students with limited English proficiency must be provided with the program opportunities required by law, and must fulfill the regular state and district requirements for graduation.

Special Education Students

By June 30 of a disabled student's last year in the elementary program, the student's case manager, parent/guardian and teacher(s) shall meet to review the instructional guide and basic plan of the student's IEP in view of the transition to the secondary program. Input from appropriate staff from the secondary school shall be part of the review.

The basic plan of the IEP for the student exiting the elementary program will address all the elements required in the administrative code. The description of the educational program will include exemptions, if any, from regular education program options or state and local graduation requirements including HSPA, along with the rationale for the exemptions. The exemptions must be approved in writing by the chief school administrator.

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Key Words

Graduation, Graduation Requirements

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<b><u>Legal References:</u></b> <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:4-25	Prescribing minimum courses of study for public schools; approval of courses of study
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:7C-1	Commissioner of education to develop a program of standards and guidelines
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:7C-2	Boards of education; establishment of standards
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:7C-4.1	Operation Recognition; purpose; eligibility; application procedure
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:7C-5.1	Boards of education prohibited from excluding students from graduation ceremony or from obtaining yearbook for inability to pay fees
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:7F-46	Review, update of the CCCS, Educational Adequacy Report
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:33-1	District to furnish suitable facilities; adoption of courses of study
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:35-1 <u>et seq.</u>	Curriculum and courses
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:36-17	Credit of seniors in active military and naval service, etc.
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6:30-3.7	Graduation
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:8-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Standards and Assessment
<u>See particularly:</u>	
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:8-1.2,-2.1,-3.1,-3.3,-4.1,-4.2,-4.3,-5.1,-5.2	
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:14-3.7	Individualized education program
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:14-4.11	Graduation
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:15-1.11	Graduation requirements for limited English proficient Students
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:23A-9.5	Commissioner to ensure achievement of the Core Curriculum Content Standards
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:30-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts

The Department of Education Website, <http://www.nj.gov/njded/assessment/> (Lists the state assessment components)

Every Student Succeeds Act, Pub. L. 114-95, 20 U.S.C.A. 6301 et seq.

**Possible**

<b><u>Cross References:</u></b> *1120	Board of education meetings
*5113	Attendance, absences and excuses
*5120	Assessment of individual needs
*5127	Commencement activities
6000	Concepts and roles in instruction
*6010	Goals and objectives
*6122	Articulation
*6140	Curriculum adoption
6141.4	Independent study
*6142	Subject fields
*6142.2	English as a second language; bilingual/bicultural
*6142.6	Basic skills
*6145	Extracurricular activities
*6147	Standards of proficiency
*6154	Homework/makeup work
*6171.4	Special education

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (continued)

\*6200      Adult/community education

\*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.