

## Policy Information

### Series 5000 - Students

#### Progress

#### High School Diploma - Individualized Education Program

Policy # 5127

The Committee on Special Education will make every effort to incorporate in a student's Individualized Education Program as many of the requirements for a High School Diploma as set forth in Section 100.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education as are appropriate. All students, including those with disabilities, shall be given the opportunity to earn a Regents or local diploma or an Individualized Education Program diploma.

A student with a disability shall be eligible for a High School Individualized Education Program diploma if the student has attained age twenty-one and has achieved the educational goals contained in his or her current Individualized Education Program.

Upon application of a student with disabilities or the student's parent or guardian, the Board of Education may award a High School Individualized Education Program diploma to a student who has attended school or received substantially equivalent education elsewhere in accordance with Section 3204(2) of the Education Law, for at least twelve years, exclusive of kindergarten; and, provided that the student has achieved the educational goals specified in his or her current Individualized Education Program.

If the student receiving a High School Individualized Education Program diploma is less than twenty-one years of age, the diploma shall be accompanied by a written assurance of the student's continued right to attend public school until the end of the school year in which the student reaches age twenty-one or until the student has received a Regents or local high school diploma, whichever is earlier.

The Committee on Special Education shall review the progress of all students who are eligible for a High School Individualized Education Program diploma prior to the end of the school year and shall notify the Superintendent of Schools of those students eligible to receive such diplomas.

Each High School Individualized Education Program diploma shall clearly indicate on the front that it is awarded on the basis of the student's successful achievement of the educational goals specified in the student's current Individualized Education Program as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

The Superintendent of Schools shall notify the Board of Education, prior to graduation ceremonies in June, which students are eligible to receive High School Individualized Education Program diplomas. The board shall authorize the issuance of if Individualized Education Program diplomas to eligible students.

The Superintendent of Schools shall file a report with the Commissioner of Education, within 15 days of the June graduation, containing the information required by the Commissioner.

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