

MOON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: GRADUATION
REQUIREMENTS

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217. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	
<p>1. Purpose SC 1613</p>	<p>It shall be the policy of the Board to acknowledge each student's successful completion of the instructional program appropriate to the student's interests and needs by the award of a diploma or certificate at fitting graduation ceremonies.</p>
<p>2. Authority SC 1611, 1613 Title 22 Sec. 4.24 Pol. 102</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>The requirement for graduation shall be the completion of work and studies that represent the instructional program assigned to grades nine through twelve.</p> <p>The Board shall identify the planned courses that are required for graduation. These written plans shall be on file in the district and shall be made available upon request for review by the designated representatives of the Department of Education.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 4.13 Pol. 102</p>	<p>In order to graduate from high school, a student shall demonstrate achievement of the student learning outcomes as outlined in the district strategic plan and in accordance with Policy 102 Educational Goals.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 4.24</p>	<p>In compliance with Chapter 4 regulations of the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Moon Area School District, all students are subject to the following minimum program during the 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades as a requirement for graduation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Satisfactory completion of 23.5 credits in each subject area as outlined below (24.5 beginning with the class of 2008). 2. Satisfactory completion of a culminating senior project. 3. Demonstrate proficient or better achievement on the grade 11 PSSA mathematics, reading and writing assessments.

4. Demonstrate proficient or better achievement on a single local assessment that is aligned with each corresponding PSSA grade 11 assessment.
5. Demonstrate 75% or better achievement in a portfolio of schoolwork that reflects achievement of the state standards in mathematics, reading and writing. Portfolios may include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Standards-correlated classroom examinations.
 - b. Nationally administered achievement or other standardized tests.
 - c. Other valid diagnostic performance assessments.
 - d. Written work, demonstrations, performances, products or projects that reflect achievement of state standards in math, reading and writing.
6. Successful completion of a special education program based upon an Individualized Education Program (IEP).

Credits Required for Graduation

English Language Arts	4	credits
Social Studies	4	credits
Science	3	credits
Mathematics	3	credits
Arts and Humanities	2	credits
(Includes: World languages, elective social studies, art, fine arts (band, chorus, related fine arts, and practical arts business education, family and consumer sciences and vocational education.)		
Health	1	credit
P.E.	2	credits
Technology Education	.5	credits (1.5 - class of 2008)
Electives	<u>4.5</u>	credits
TOTAL	23.5	credits (24.5 - class of 2008)

No student who has completed the requirements for graduation shall be denied a diploma as a disciplinary measure, but s/he may be denied participation in the ceremony of graduation when personal conduct so warrants. Such exclusion shall be regarded as a school suspension.

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<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility Pol. 213, 216</p> <p>SC 1611, 1613</p> <p>SC 1504(c)</p>	<p>The Superintendent shall develop procedures for implementing this policy which include the careful recording of the student's learning outcomes as determined by the Board and state regulations and shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Counsel students to know what is expected of them for completion of their schooling.2. Issue periodic warnings to students in danger of not fulfilling graduation requirements.3. Prepare and submit to the Board for its approval of a list of all candidates for the award of a diploma.4. Prepare suitable diplomas.5. Plan and execute graduation ceremonies that fittingly mark this important achievement.
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