

***High School Individualized Education Program Diploma***

The Board of Education shall issue a high school individualized education program diploma to a pupil with a handicapping condition in accordance with the provisions of Commissioner's Regulations 100.9.

Each high school pupil with a handicapping condition shall have specifically addressed in his or her individualized education program, the requirements to be met for graduation. All such pupils shall be provided appropriate opportunities to earn a regular or Regents high school diploma in accordance with the Graduation Requirements of Board Policy No. 5460.

The Board may award a high school individualized education program diploma to a pupil with a handicapping condition at the end of the school year in which the pupil attains the age of 21 upon a finding that the pupil has achieved the education goals specified in the pupil's current individualized education program.

The Board may, upon application of a pupil with a handicapping condition or such pupil's parent, award a high school individualized education program diploma at any time after such pupil has attended school or has received a substantially equivalent education elsewhere for at least twelve years, excluding kindergarten, upon a finding that such pupil has achieved the educational goals specified in the pupil's current individualized education program.

Each high school individualized education program diploma shall be identical in form to the high school diploma issued by the district, except that there shall appear on the front of the individualized education program diploma an annotation to indicate clearly that the diploma is awarded on the basis of the pupil's successful achievement of the educational goals specified in the pupil's current individualized education program as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

If the pupil receiving a high school individualized education program diploma is less than 21 years of age, such diploma shall be accompanied by a written statement of assurance that the pupil shall continue to be eligible to attend the public schools of the district in which the pupil resides without the payment of tuition until the pupil has earned a high school diploma or until the end of the school year of such pupil's 21 birthday, whichever is earlier.