

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: GRADUATION

LINE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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	217. GRADUATION
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	The Board shall adopt the graduation requirements students must achieve in accordance with state laws and regulations. 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.
SC 1611, 1613 Title 22 Sec. 4.13, 4.24 Pol. 100	The Board shall permit a student with a disability, whose Individual Education Program (IEP) prescribes continued educational services, to participate in commencement ceremonies with his/her graduating class and receive a certificate of attendance, provided that the student has attended four (4) years of high school. The Board shall issue a high school diploma to each student with a disability who completes the graduation requirements established by the Board or the goals established in the student's IEP, as determined by student's IEP team.
Title 22 Sec. 11.27 113	A list of all candidates for the award of a diploma shall be submitted to the Board for its approval. A list of all graduating students shall be submitted to the Board for its information and release to the public.
SC 1613	

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Pol. 102 Title 22 Sec. 11.4, 11.8 3. Delegation of Responsibility 4. Guidelines Pol. 213,216, 233 SC 1611	The fourth year of high school shall not be required for graduation if a student has completed all requirements for graduation and attends a postsecondary institution as a full-time student. A student may qualify for graduation by attending a district school part-time when officially enrolled part-time in a postsecondary institution. The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for planning and executing graduation ceremonies that appropriately recognize this important achievement. Accurate recording of each student's achievement of academic standards shall be maintained, as required by law and state regulations. Students shall be informed of graduation requirements they are required to complete. Periodic warnings shall be issued to students in danger of not fulfilling graduation requirements. 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. <u>Diplomas For Eligible Veterans</u> In order to honor and recognize eligible veterans who left high school prior to graduation to serve in any War, the Board shall grant a diploma to a veteran who meets the applicable requirements of law and completes the required application. Upon proper application, the Board may award a diploma posthumously to a veteran who meets the stated requirements.
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The Superintendent shall submit to the Board for its approval the names of veterans of any War who are eligible for a high school diploma.

Diplomas for GED Students

A Line Mountain School District diploma with the GED notation may be granted to those individuals who have earned a GED diploma and have met the following guidelines:

1. The candidate must have last attended public school in the Line Mountain School District.
2. The candidate must be at least eighteen (18) years of age and was a member of a class, which has graduated.

Baccalaureate Service

The Board desires to carry on the tradition of providing a service of basically a religious nature for its graduation seniors.

Attendance on the part of the seniors is voluntary.

Commencement

Only members of the graduating class who have satisfactorily completed the course requirements for graduation shall be eligible to participate in baccalaureate and/or commencement ceremonies.

No commencement attire will be issued to a member of the graduating class until all school requirements and obligations have been satisfactorily completed. Only approved attire may be worn.

Only students who have attended the rehearsals for commencement shall be eligible to participate in commencement ceremonies.

Any member of the graduating class who is identified as disrupting the commencement ceremony shall be removed promptly from the premises by the administration.

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References:

School Code - 24 P.S. Sec. 1611, 1613

State Board of Education Regulations - 22 PA Code Sec. 4.13, 4.24, 11.4, 11.5, 11.8, 11.27

Board Policy – 100, 102, 213, 216, 233