

LITTLESTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: GRADUATION
REQUIREMENTS

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217. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS													
1. Purpose	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.												
2. Authority SC 1611, 1613 Title 22 Sec. 4.24	<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 the Board.</p> <p>There shall be only one (1) diploma awarded by this district and no distinctions shall be made between various programs or venues of instruction with the exception of a "dual diploma" for students of the district who satisfactorily complete all of the graduation requirements of the York-Adams Academy. This diploma shall state, "Littlestown Area District and the York-Adams Academy". The York-Adams Academy will conduct a graduation ceremony for students that complete the prescribed program of studies.</p> <p>There may also be a certificate awarded by this district which shall be based on special circumstances that support such an award.</p>												
SC 1613	<p>The requirement for graduation shall be the completion of work and studies representing the instructional program assigned to grades nine (9) through twelve (12).</p> <p>The Board shall identify the planned courses for which credit toward graduation shall be awarded. 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>												
Title 22 Sec. 4.24, 4.52	<p>The minimum requirements for graduation shall include the successful completion of the following:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; width: 10%;">1.</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 70%;"><u>AREA</u></th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 20%;"><u>CREDITS</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td>English</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Social Studies</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Science</td> <td>3</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	1.	<u>AREA</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>		English	4		Social Studies	4		Science	3
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<p>Title 22 Sec. 11.4, 11.8</p> <p>3. Guidelines</p> <p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>Pol. 213, 216</p> <p>Pol. 212</p>	<table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Math</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Arts and Humanities</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Physical Education & Health</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Electives</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>7</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">26 Total Credits</td> </tr> </table> <p>2. The successful completion of the graduation project.</p> <p>3. A score of proficient or advanced on specified state or local approved assessments. Remediation is required for PSSA's in Reading and Math and other areas that may be required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.</p> <p>The fourth year of high school shall not be required if the student has been accepted by an accredited institution of higher learning and has completed all other requirements for graduation.</p> <p>Guidelines for dual enrollment and college senior year programs will be updated as needed by the high school administration, guidance department and receiving higher educational institutions and distributed to students.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall develop procedures for implementing this policy which include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The careful recording of each student's progress and accumulation of graduation requirements. 2. Counseling of students to know what is expected of them for completion of their schooling. 3. Issuance of periodic warnings to students in danger of not fulfilling graduation requirements. 4. Preparation of a list of all graduating students for the information of the Board and release to the public. 5. Preparation of suitable diplomas and certificates for graduating students. 6. Planning and execution of graduation ceremonies which fittingly mark this important achievement. <p>References: School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1611, 1613, 1614 State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.24, 4.52, 11.4, 11.8 Board Policy – 212, 213, 216</p>	Math	3	Arts and Humanities	2	Physical Education & Health	3	Electives	<u>7</u>		26 Total Credits
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