

## GRADUATION ELIGIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION

The Board will acknowledge each student's successful completion of the graduation requirements students must achieve by awarding diplomas and certificates at graduation ceremonies.

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 as part of the district's Strategic Plan. Student participation in commencement ceremonies will be limited to those students who have fully completed these graduation requirements prior to the ceremonies and who have successfully achieved the standards required by the State of Pennsylvania.

The Board shall permit a student with a disability, who has attended four (4) years of high school, to participate in commencement ceremonies with his/her graduating class and receive a certificate of attendance, even if the student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) prescribes continued educational services. The student may receive a high school diploma when he/she completes his/her Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

A list of all candidates for the award of a diploma shall be submitted to the Board for its approval. A requirement for a diploma shall be the completion of required assessments, work, and studies representing the instructional program assigned to grades 9 through 12, which are aligned to established academic standards. Students who do not meet these requirements at the time of commencement ceremonies shall be afforded the opportunity to complete one class credit requirement and/or other required assessments, work, and studies representing the instructional program assigned to grades 9 through 12, prior to the end of the school calendar year. (June 30) Upon successful completion, within the specified time, a diploma will be awarded.

Periodic warnings shall be issued to students in danger of not fulfilling graduation requirements.

Graduation: To graduate from Tussey Mountain High School, a senior must have accumulated a total of twenty-five (25) units of credit, including four (4) credits of English, three (3) credits each of Mathematics, Science and Social Studies, two (2) credits of Arts or Humanities or both, one and one-half (1 1/2) credits of Physical Education and one-half (1/2) credit of Health. Six and one-half (6 1/2) credits must also be earned by passing approved planned course electives, one half (1/2) credit in Applied Life Skills and an additional one (1) credit in an academic or vocational area. Students may elect to take summer school (if they have achieved at least a 60% in the failed subject) to make up failed credits in English, Science, Social Studies and Mathematics, and will graduate upon successful completion of required credits.

A unit of credit is based on 120 clock hours of instruction or a fractional part thereof. The administration, after consultation with the guidance staff, reserves the right to evaluate the cases individually.

Additionally, students must achieve advanced or proficient status according to the PSSA Test requirements as mandated by the State and through Federal legislation.