

POLICY GUIDE

RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION
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The Board of Education will recognize with fitting ceremonies a pupil's completion of the program of studies offered by this district in the middle school. Such recognition should never mark the termination of a pupil's education but rather observes the important transition from the middle school to the senior high school.

Graduation shall not occur prior to completion of the required one hundred eighty days of pupil instruction.

Such successful completion of the program of studies in the middle school grades six through eight required achievement of the instructional objectives set for each course of study, demonstration of mastery of the proficiencies established for each course and satisfactory attendance record. The parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of a pupil who may be prevented from promotion exercises shall be so notified in advance and no later than six weeks prior to the close of the school year. Every effort shall be made to remediate a pupil's deficiencies before promotion is denied.

The Board reserves the right to deny participation when extreme circumstances warrant it. Such denial shall be treated in the same manner as a suspension and the pupil so affected shall be afforded the rights of review provided in policies of this Board.

The Board reserves the right to withhold a diploma and transcripts until all fines are paid for loss or damage to Board property.

The requirements for promotion from the middle school of a pupil classified as requiring a program of special education shall be set forth in his/her individualized education program. Completion of those special requirements shall qualify the pupil for promotion and entry to secondary school.

Guidelines for Graduation Year Activities

Pupil participation in special graduation year activities will require conduct of the highest caliber in all school situations.

Criteria for exclusion for these activities concern consistent behavioral patterns and shall include, but not be limited to:

A. Consistent involvement in disciplinary action(s);

B. Suspension;

C. Collaborative evaluation by the staff.

The final decision shall be made by the Superintendent. Pupils and parent(s) or legal guardian(s) shall be given advance notification of these criteria.

Copies of Constitutions to Graduates

The Board shall have printed and suitably bound in book form, copies of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States and the amendments thereto, and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey and the amendments thereto, and a copy of this book shall be presented to each pupil upon his/her graduation from eighth grade.

Awarding of Diplomas

A Board member shall present a copy of the Declaration of Independence, the constitution of the United States and the amendments thereto, and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey and the amendments thereto to each pupil upon graduation from elementary school.

The President of the Board of Education and/or another designated member of the Board shall award the diplomas. Board members and former Board members shall be afforded the opportunity to award diplomas to their own children.

Commencement Ceremony

Benedictions and/or invocations will not be included in the commencement ceremony.

N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-1 et seq.; 18A:35-1;
18A:35-4.9; 18A:35-7; 18A:36-17
N.J.A.C. 6A:8-1; 6A:8-5.1; 6A:14-4.12 et seq.

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