

DRAFT UPDATE

Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative

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Instruction

Graduation Requirements

To graduate from high school, unless otherwise exempted, each student is responsible for:

1. Completing all Member District graduation requirements that are in addition to the State requirements.
2. Completing all courses as provided in the School Code, 105 ILCS 5/27-22, ~~according to the year in which a student entered the 9th grade.~~
3. Completing all minimum requirements for graduation as specified by Illinois State Board of Education rule, 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.440.
4. Passing an examination on patriotism and principles of representative government, proper use of the flag, methods of voting, and the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. ~~Taking the Prairie State Achievement Examination~~ Participating in State assessments that are required for graduation by the School Code, 105 ILCS 5/2-3.64a-5, unless the student is exempt ~~according to 105 ILCS 5/2-3.64.~~

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Comment [AP1]: Outdated language is removed.
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The Executive Director or designee is responsible for:

1. Maintaining a description of all course offerings that comply with the above graduation requirements.
2. Notifying students and their parents/guardians of graduation requirements.
3. Developing the criteria for #4 above.
4. Complying with State law requirements for students who transfer during their senior year because their parent(s)/guardian(s) are on active military duty. This includes making reasonable adjustments to ensure graduation if possible, or efforts to ensure that the original (transferor) district issues the student a diploma.
5. Taking all other actions to implement this policy.

Comment [AP2]: The requirement to take the Prairie State Achievement Examination (PSAE) has ended (105 ILCS 5/2-3.64, repealed by P.A. 98-972). A new section (105 ILCS 5/2-3.64a-5, added by P.A. 98-972) states that "[s]tudents who are not assessed for college and career ready determinations may not receive a regular high school diploma unless the student is exempted...". ISBE selected the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessments (www.isbe.net/assessment/parcc.htm). Some students, particularly out-of-state student-transferees, may have problems fulfilling this diploma requirement depending on when the applicable PARCC is administered. Contact the board attorney for assistance.
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Certificate of Completion

A student with a disability who has an Individualized Education Program prescribing special education, transition planning, transition services, or related services beyond the student's 4 years of high school, qualifies for a certificate of completion after the student has completed 4 years of high school. The student is encouraged to participate in the graduation ceremony of his or her high school graduation class. The Executive Director or designee shall provide timely written notice of this requirement to children with disabilities and their parents/guardians.

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LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/2-3.64a-5, 5/22-27, 5/27-3, 5/27-22, 5/27-22.10, and 70/
23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.440.

CROSS REF.: 6:30 (Organization of Instruction and Curriculum Development), 6:320 (High
School Credit for Proficiency), 7:50 (School Admissions and Student Transfers
To and From Non-Cooperative Schools)

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