

I-7350 IKF Graduation Requirements

Regular Education

The district and each graduating class will follow the state mandated graduation requirements outlined in the New Mexico Public Education Departments Graduation Requirements.

A student shall develop and file an updated final next-step plan during the senior year and prior to graduation that conforms with the requirements for a student curriculum plan pursuant to 22-13-1.1 NMSA 1978. The plan shall explain any differences from previous interim next-step plans, shall be filed with the principal of the student's high school and shall be signed by the student, the student's parent or guardian and the student's guidance counselor or other school official charged with coursework planning for the student. An individualized education program (IEP) filed with the principal that meets the applicable transition and procedural requirements of the federal Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act for qualified students shall satisfy the next-step requirements for that student.

Final examinations shall be administered to all students in all classes offered for credit.

Parents are to be notified in writing not later than the beginning of the third (3rd) nine (9) weeks grading period of their students junior year and senior year if the student is at risk of not meeting all graduation requirements. Progress reports are to be provided to parents and students at each grading period.

A high school student required to transfer to an out-of-state school by the transfer of the student's parents, who are members of the New Mexico National Guard or the armed forces of the United States, may request that a diploma be issued by the New Mexico high school of transfer. The student must meet the guidelines and comply with the requirements of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated regarding military dependent transfers and their courses and grades must meet or exceed New Mexico's requirements for graduation as determined by the School District.

Special Education

The Individualized Education Program (IEP) team is responsible for determining whether students with disabilities and receiving special education services have completed a planned program of study making him/her eligible to receive a diploma or certificate.

Upon completion of a planned program of study that meets the following requirements of NMAC 6.29.1.9.J.13 the student will be awarded a diploma:

- A standard program of study meeting or surpassing all requirements for graduation based on New Mexico Standards for Excellence with or without modification of delivery and assessment.
- ~~A modified option program of study based upon meeting the Standards with Benchmarks as defined in the IEP.~~
- An ability program of study based upon IEP goals and objectives, referencing skill attainment at a student's ability level, which may lead to meaningful employment.

A student who receives special education services may be granted a certificate when:

- The IEP team provides documentation and justification for the use of a certificate for an individual student and a follow-up plan of action.
- A student who receives a certificate is eligible to continue receiving special education services until receipt of a diploma or until the end of the academic year in which the student turns 22 (twenty-two) years of age.

The receipt of a diploma terminates the service eligibility of students with special needs.