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Graduation Requirements

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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.

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. There shall be only one diploma awarded by this District.

Graduation is based on academic success earned in grades nine through twelve. A minimum of twenty-six credits is required.

In addition to the high school graduation mandates set forth by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and individual student assessment requirements defined in Chapter 4 of the Pennsylvania School Code, the requirements for graduation from Chartiers Valley High School, Chartiers Valley School District, are established as follows:

**REQUIRED COURSES - 15 Credits**

- 4 Credits - English
- 3 Credits - Social Studies
- 3 Credits - Mathematics
- 3 Credits - Science
- 1 Credit - Personal Fitness
- 1 Credit - Health

**REQUIRED ELECTIVES - 11 Credits**

- 3 Credits - Arts and Humanities Electives
- 8 Credits - Any elective course as determined by the student

26 Credits - TOTAL

It is a pupil's responsibility to know the requirements for promotion and graduation and to make his/her plans accordingly.

No student who has completed the requirements for graduation shall be denied a diploma as a disciplinary measure but he or she may be denied participation in the ceremony of graduation when personal conduct so warrants. Such exclusion shall be regarded as a school suspension.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures for implementing this policy, which include the careful recording of each student's progress and accumulation of graduation requirements; counseling of students to know what is expected of them for completion of their schooling; issuance of periodic warnings to students in danger of not fulfilling graduation requirements; preparation of a list of all graduating students for the information of the Board and release to the public; preparation of suitable diplomas for graduating students; and the planning and execution of graduation ceremonies which fittingly mark this important achievement.

#### Diplomas for Veterans

In order to recognize and honor veterans who left high school prior to graduation to serve in the United States Military at the time of war or conflict, the Board shall grant a diploma to a veteran who completed the required application and meets the following requirements:

1. Was honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States of America.
2. Served in the United States military during the time of war or conflict.
3. Attended Scott High School or Chartiers Valley High School but did not graduate due to entry into military service.

Upon proper application, the Board may award a diploma posthumously to a veteran who meets the stated requirements.

The Superintendent shall submit to the Board for its approval the names of veterans eligible for a high school diploma.