

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION AND COMMENCEMENT

The Board of Education has the responsibility for adopting graduation requirements and ensuring that all students awarded diplomas and participating in the graduation ceremony have met all of the requirements set forth in Part 100 of the Commissioner Regulations for the conferring of local, Regents, or IEP diplomas. Certificates of Completion and the privilege of commencement participation may be extended to Foreign Exchange students as well as students in the approved High School GED Program. The Board of Education reserves the right to establish requirements for graduation that exceed the minimum standards as defined by the New York State Board of Regents.

The Board of Education recognizes that participation in a commencement ceremony differs from the issuance and receipt of a diploma. The issuance of a diploma indicates that a student has successfully met all local and state requirements to be graduated from the Cobleskill-Richmondville Central School.

The Board of Education, in certain instances, may grant to students who wish to graduate from high school in less time than the traditional four-year program of study, the permission to complete graduation requirements on an alternative schedule. All prescribed graduation requirements, including testing and coursework, must be completed for early graduation. Students approved for early graduation will appear on the senior class list, be responsible for financial obligations associated with the senior year, and be included in rank and average with the class with which they graduate.

An exception may be granted to the policy requirement that students complete all graduating requirements prior to participation in the commencement ceremony for reasons of documented serious illness, death in the immediate family, unexpected review of a state examination, or similar circumstances. All appeals must be made in writing to the Board of Education.

A graduating student who is unable to attend commencement exercises, regardless of reason, will be recognized by name (in absentia) as part of the graduation ceremony.

The Superintendent of Schools, in collaboration with the High School Principal, is charged with annually providing information to students and parents that outlines the graduation requirements and with developing regulations necessary to implement this policy.

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