

Students

**SUBJECT: Early Graduation and Participation in Graduation Ceremonies and Activities**

A student shall be eligible for early graduation in fewer than eight (8) semesters upon completion of all requirements for graduation, excluding physical education, as mandated by Commissioner's Regulations. A student shall not be required to continue enrollment for the sole purpose of completing physical education requirements. The District, upon request from the student's parent/guardian, shall grant the student a high school diploma prior to his/her completion of the eighth (8th) semester in accordance with Commissioner's Regulations.

**Any student who has satisfactorily completed all graduation requirements will be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony and all related graduation activities.**

**The District permits any student to participate in the graduation ceremony and all related graduation activities of his or her high school graduating class, if the student has been awarded a Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential or a Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) Commencement Credential, but has not otherwise qualified to receive a Regents or local diploma. While permitted to participate, these students are not required to participate in the graduation ceremony or related graduation activities of his or her high school graduating class. For purposes of this policy, a student's high school graduating class is the twelfth grade class with which he or she entered into ninth grade.**

**The District will provide annual written notice of this policy and any related procedures to all students and their parents or guardians.**

Education Law § 3204(4-b)

8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) Sections 100.5(a) and 100.5(e)

Adopted: 6/12/2007

Amended: 9/17/2008;