

**WESTFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Westfield, New Jersey 07090

**PUPILS**  
**5465**  
**Early Graduation**

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Policy 5460 High School Graduation

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## **5465 EARLY GRADUATION**

The Board of Education shall award a State-endorsed high school diploma to any currently enrolled pupil in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.2 (e) who has not completed the twelfth grade.

A pupil will be permitted early graduation from high school if he/she has satisfied the number of course credits for graduation established by Board Policy 5460 and demonstration of proficiencies in all sections of the State required high school assessment process applicable to the class graduating in the year all other graduation requirements are met.

In accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.2(e), a State-endorsed high school diploma will be awarded early by the Board of Education to any currently enrolled pupil who has:

1. Performed at a proficient or advanced proficient level of achievement in all sections of the State required high school assessment(s);
2. Presented official transcripts showing at least thirty general education credits leading to a degree at an accredited institution of higher education; and
3. Formally requested an early award of a State-endorsed high school diploma.

The diploma will bear the date of its issuance. Upon application to the high school Principal and approval of the Superintendent, the pupil may be permitted to participate in graduation ceremonies with his/her classmates without formal readmission to the school district.

N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-1 et seq.  
N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.1 et seq.; 6A:8-5.2 et seq.

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## **Abolish Policy**

Information contained in Policy 5461 Graduation Exercises

### **5466 GRADUATION AND YEARBOOK FEES**

The Board of Education recognizes that the cost of graduation ceremonies, if any, directly paid by graduating pupils and the cost of a yearbook directly paid by the graduating pupil may create a financial hardship for the parent(s), legal guardian(s) or other person having legal custody of the graduating pupil.

The Board of Education will not exclude from the graduation ceremony any pupil who is unable to pay the fees required of the graduating pupil to participate in the graduation ceremony because of financial hardship for the parent(s), legal guardian(s) or other person having legal custody of the graduating pupil. This hardship should be communicated to the building Principal or the student's counselor.

Furthermore, the Board will pay the cost for a graduating pupil to purchase a yearbook if the graduating pupil is unable to pay the fees required of the graduating pupil to participate in the graduation ceremony because of financial hardship for the parent(s), legal guardian(s) or other person having legal custody of the graduating pupil.

In determining financial hardship, the criteria will be the same as the Statewide eligibility standards established by the State Board of Education for free and reduced price meals under the State School Lunch Program.

N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-5.1

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