

## 5465 EARLY GRADUATION (M)

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The Board of Education shall award a State-endorsed high school diploma to any currently enrolled a pupil in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:8-52 (e) who has not completed the twelfth grade.

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:

1. Has ~~performed at a proficient or advanced proficient level of achievement in all sections of the HSPA or applicable High School Competency Assessments~~ achieved proficiency, in accordance with the cutoff score as determined by the state, on the required state assessment or its approved substitute assessment;
2. Has presented official transcripts showing at least thirty general education credits leading to a degree at an accredited institution of higher education; and
3. Has formally requested an early award of a State-endorsed high school diploma.

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

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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