SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF YORK DRAFT 1/18/12

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS/ BEARCAT BOLD 8 REQUIREMENTS

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	217. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS /BEARCAT BOLD 8 REQUIREMENTS
1. Purpose	The Board will acknowledge each student's successful completion of the instructional program appropriate to the student's interests and needs by awarding a diploma at graduation ceremonies.
2. Authority Title 22 Sec. 4.24	The Board shall adopt the graduation requirements students must achieve, which shall include course completion and grades, completion of a culminating project, and results of district and/or state assessments.
SC 1611, 1613 Title 22 Sec. 4.13, 4.24 Pol. 100, 102	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 as part of the district's Strategic Plan. A requirement for graduation shall be the completion of work and studies representing the instructional program assigned to grades 9 through 12, which are aligned to established academic standards.
Title 22 Sec. 11.4	**The Board requires that each candidate for graduation in the Class of 2004 and 2005 shall have earned twenty-two (22) credits and a graduation project. For the Class of 2006 and thereafter, the minimum graduation requirements shall be twenty-two (22) credits and a graduation project.**
3. Delegation of Responsibility	The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for planning and executing graduation ceremonies that appropriately recognize this important achievement.
4. Guidelines Pol. 213, 216	Accurate recording of each student's achievement of academic standards shall be maintained, as required by law and state regulations. Students shall be informed of graduation requirements they are required to complete. Periodic warnings shall be issued to students in danger of not fulfilling graduation requirements.

	A student who has completed the requirements for graduation shall not be denied a diploma as a disciplinary measure, but the student may be denied participation in the graduation ceremony when personal conduct so warrants. Such exclusion shall be regarded as a school suspension. Students may also be denied the opportunity to participate (walk) in the graduation ceremony, if he/she has failed to earn at least 25 hours of service learning and other requirements of the Bearcat Bold 8 Program as follows: 1. Apply to College 2. Take the SAT or ACT 3. Maintain a Passing G.P.A. 4. Have acceptable attendance 5. Have acceptable behavior 6. Spend time with a mentor 7. Do 25 Service Learning Hours 8. If not Proficient on the PSSA retake the PSSA Students will be required to complete and sign participation forms for the service learning requirement, indicating that he/she has his/her own medical/health insurance which covers the student in the event of an accident (such as a fall, etc.) This form must also include the name of the insurance company, the telephone number of the insurance company, the policy holder's name and the policy number. In the event, the student does not have his/her own insurance, he/she and the parent/guardian will be asked to sign off on a waiver of liability and release of The School District of the City of York from any liability for claims/damages.
SC 1613	A list of all candidates for the award of a diploma shall be submitted to the Board for its approval. An additional list of all students who have completed the 25 Service Learning Hours will also be submitted to the Board for its approval to allow the students to participate (walk) in the commencement exercises.
	<u>Diplomas for Eligible Veterans</u>
SC 1611	In order to honor and recognize eligible veterans who left high school prior to graduation to serve in World War II or the Korean War, the Board shall grant a diploma to a veteran who meets the applicable requirements of law and completes the required application. 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 of World War II and the Korean War who are eligible for a high school diploma. <u>Methods Of Obtaining A Diploma If A Student Does Not Graduate With His/Her Class</u>
Pol. 224	A senior who receives failing grades may enroll in summer school during the summer months immediately following the graduation of his/her class from high school for not more than two (2) subjects. Upon satisfactory completion of the course, the student will be given the subject credit(s) and a diploma will be awarded providing all other graduation requirements have been met. A senior who received failing grades may attend a Department of Education approved evening school at other high schools to earn the necessary subject credits for graduation. The student must submit an official transcript of the credits earned. The particular school shall furnish evidence that the course content and time spent in class meets the minimum requirements for York High Schools. Drop-outs and senior failures who do not qualify under either of the above two (2) plans are permitted to earn a high school diploma through application to the Department of Education for the Commonwealth Secondary School Diploma which is earned by achieving satisfactory scores in General Education Development tests administered through the Department of Education. The senior high school principal shall have the authority to issue diplomas on the basis of the GED test under the same regulations as the Department of Education, which issues the Commonwealth Secondary School Diploma. The latter shall apply only to students who have attended York schools. Such diplomas shall state "Awarded on the basis of passing the GED test".