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217.1 Graduation

Graduation of students shall be based upon completion of the minimum requirements of the various curricular programs as established by the Board.

To receive a diploma from the Plymouth Whitemarsh Senior High School, a student must satisfactorily complete the program and graduation requirements stipulated by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania State Board of Education Academic Standards and Assessments (4.24) and the local Board of Education. The Board will not grant credit for subjects pursued solely for the purpose of advancing the time of graduation. Exception to this policy shall be made for students who transfer from other public or private schools. Further exceptions may be made for those students of the local district who pursue such subjects in other accredited schools for make-up, remedial, or enrichment purposes; and for those students who, in the judgment of the administration as determined through evaluative procedures, warrant consideration for the pursuit of advanced credits. Approval for the latter exceptions must be given in advance by the building principal or designee.

Minimum High School Graduation Requirements

The requirements below conform to all Pennsylvania Department of Education regulations. The requirements also conform to the program of studies for the secondary schools in the Colonial School District. The Superintendent of Schools, Curriculum Council, and Academic Council shall be involved in the review of all further recommendations.

Credits	Graduation Requirements beginning with the Class of 2010
30	Total Credits
5	Language Arts (non-elective)
4	Social Studies (non-elective)
3	Social Studies (non-elective) for Central Montco Technical High School students
3, 4 or 5	Mathematics (Students must complete through Algebra 2 or Integrated 4A)
3	Science (non-elective)
2	Health/Physical Education
2	Arts or Humanities Electives
9, 10 or 11	General Electives

P	Successful completion of the graduation project
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CRITERION FOR PARTICIPATION IN COMMENCEMENT

Only those seniors who have completed all graduation requirements shall participate in the commencement ceremony.

For the 2005-2006 school year and each school year thereafter, the District shall allow a student with a disability whose individualized education program (IEP) as established pursuant to 22 Pa. Code §14.131 prescribes continued special education programs beyond the fourth year of high school, to participate in commencement ceremonies with the student’s graduating class and receive a certificate of attendance, provided that the student has attended four (4) years of high school regardless of whether the student has completed the individualized education program. For students who choose to participate in graduation ceremonies in this fashion, the diploma will be awarded without ceremony following the completion of IEP requirements.

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