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A diploma will be awarded to a student in the Colonial School District who has pursued a program of studies and has successfully completed the minimum program requirements mandated by the Board of Education of the Colonial School District.

It shall further be the policy of this Board that each exceptional child satisfactorily completing a Special Education Program at the high school level, will be graduated and issued a high school diploma in accordance with standards established by Colonial School District.

“It shall further be the policy of this board to award diplomas to World War II veterans in accordance with the provisions of House Bill #186 of 2001.”

Exceptions to this policy are as follows:

- 1. Students who have successfully completed three years at Plymouth Whitemarsh High School and are admitted to an approved college or university under an early admissions program, or enrolled in programs abroad, and who eventually meet the Department of Education regulations that pertain in such matters. These students may attend the high school graduation ceremony. However, they are not included in the class rank nor are they eligible for any senior academic awards.*
- 2. Students who have successfully completed three full years at Plymouth Whitemarsh High School, but who elect to finish the fourth year in full residency in an off-campus setting (other than another secondary school) that is approved and licensed by the Department of Education and/or International Programs approved by the building principal. These students may attend the high school graduation ceremony. However, they are not included in the class rank nor are they eligible for any senior academic awards.*

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3. *Student may earn dual credit at their expense through an approved external program with the permission of the building principal.*
4. *Students whose family relocates outside the district during the student's senior year may complete their senior year in Colonial School District (in accordance with the Non-resident students & Tuition Policy #202, page 1, paragraph 6), and graduate with their class.*

In no case will a diploma be awarded before the student's class is graduated.

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