

DIPLOMA POLICY FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

All students with disabilities in the Hopkinton School District shall have an equal opportunity to complete a course of studies leading to a regular high school diploma. A regular diploma shall be issued to all students who:

- have successfully achieved the minimum number of credits set forth by the Hopkinton High School Program of Studies
- have met specific course requirements as described in the Hopkinton High School Program of Studies
- have met all applicable attendance requirements as stated in the Hopkinton High School Program of Studies (and/or Local District Policy)

The term “regular high school diploma” does not include an alternative degree that is not fully aligned with the State’s academic standards, such as a certificate or a general educational development credential (GED). Any student who receives a diploma/certificate other than the District’s regular high school diploma remains eligible to receive a free appropriate public education until he or she reaches age twenty-one or until the IEP Team, through a formal evaluation process, determines that such student is no longer in need of, and thereby not eligible for, special education and related services.

Legal References:

NH RSA 186-C:9

ED 306.27(j)

ED 306.27 (l)

ED 1102.43

ED 1119.08

ED 1119.09

34 CFR 300.102

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