



CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ALBANY INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION PROGRAM (IEP) DIPLOMAS

Pursuant to applicable state law and regulations, the Board of Education of the City School District of Albany hereby adopts the following policies and procedures with respect to the awarding of IEP diplomas.

1. Every student with a disability shall have access to the district's full range of programs and services. Instructional techniques and materials used by the district will be modified, as appropriate, to provide such students with the opportunity to meet diploma requirements.
2. In accordance with this policy, any resident student with a disability who has not met the requirements for a high school diploma, who meets the goals specified in the student's current individualized education program (IEP) shall be eligible to receive an IEP diploma at the end of the school year in which the student turns 21. The Board of Education shall also award, upon application of the student's parents or the student, an IEP diploma to any student residing in the district who has either attended school for at least 12 years excluding kindergarten, or received a substantially equivalent education elsewhere, upon a finding that such student has achieved the goals set forth in the student's current IEP.
3. Such IEP diplomas shall be designed and awarded in accordance with the specifications set forth in Commissioner's regulations. If a student receiving such diploma is less than 21 years of age, consistent with the board's policy herein, such diploma shall be accompanied by a written statement of assurance indicating that the named student, as long as such student remains a resident with the district, shall be eligible to receive a free appropriate public education from the district until such time as the student earns a high school diploma or until the end of the school year in which the student turns 21, whichever is earlier.
4. The Board of Education directs the Committee on Special Education/Committee on Preschool Special Education Chairperson to submit to the New York State Education Department within 15 days after each June graduation, a report of the number of students awarded an IEP diploma in that school year.
5. This policy supercedes any pre-existing policies on this matter (in particular Policy 4040).