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Subject: Local Certificates for Students With Disabilities

To ensure students with disabilities are provided appropriate opportunities to attain diplomas, the Board of Education supports the awarding of Individualized Educational Program (IEP) diplomas to students with disabilities provided that:

- a) Such student has achieved the educational goals specified in such student’s individualized education program in effect during the school year in which such a certificate is awarded;
- b) Each high school individualized education program diploma shall be identical in form to the local high school diploma issued by the school district, except that there shall appear on the front of such diploma a clear annotation to indicate that the diploma is awarded on the basis of the student’s successful achievement of the educational goals specified in the student’s current individualized education program as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.
- c) Unless identified as meeting all the criteria of section 200.1(cc)(4) of Chapter II, such student has attended school for at least 12 years, excluding kindergarten, or has received a substantially equivalent education in accordance with section 3204(2) of the Education Law for such period of time.

Each Individualized Educational Program (IEP) diploma awarded shall be accompanied by a written statement of assurance that the student named as its recipient shall continue to be eligible to attend the public schools of the school district in which the student resided until the student has earned a high school diploma or until the end of the school year of such student’s 21st birthday, whichever is earlier.

The Superintendent shall report to the State Education Department, according to state education department procedures, the total number and the names of the students awarded certificates by the high school in that school year.

Commissioner’s Regulations Part 100
Sections 100.6, 100.9 and 200.1(cc)(4)

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