

## GRADUATION REGULATION

A student who has earned either a Career Development and Occupational Studies Commencement Credential (CDOS) or a Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential (SACC), but not a high school diploma, shall be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony of the student's graduating class.

The Bethlehem Central School District (the District) shall retain a record of each student's ninth grade cohort. Each year, the principal shall determine whether each student who entered ninth grade with the current year's graduating class is eligible to participate in that year's graduation ceremony, pursuant to state law, Board of Education policy, and this regulation.

During the school year in which the ninth grade cohort enters twelfth grade, the principal shall submit to the superintendent or his/her designee the name(s) of all students who are on track and expected to earn either a CDOS or SACC, but not a Regents or local high school diploma, by the time of graduation.

For each student so identified, the superintendent or his/her designee shall communicate with the student and/or his/her parent(s) and/or guardian(s) to ascertain whether the student wishes to participate in the graduation ceremonies of that year's graduating class by discussing the matter with the student and his/her parent(s) and/or guardian(s) either in person, in writing, by telephone, or via email.

For any student who meets such requirements and wishes to participate in the graduation ceremony, the superintendent shall facilitate the student's participation in the graduation with the building principal, the student, and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s). Notification that the student may participate in that year's graduation ceremony will be provided prior to graduation.

The District shall provide annual written notice to all students and their parent(s) and/or guardian(s) of the requirements of this regulation and associated policy.

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