

Series 5000: Students, Curriculum, and Academic Matters

5400 Curriculum, Instruction, and Parent/Guardian Involvement

5414 Completion Certificates

In lieu of a traditional high school diploma, the Board recognizes 3 completion certificates. Completion certificates are only available to students who are unable to satisfy District and state graduation requirements. A student who earns a completion certificate may participate in commencement and all other District graduation ceremonies and events to the same extent, and subject to the same rules, as students who have earned a traditional high school diploma.

A. Certificate of Vocational Readiness

The Board will award a Certificate of Vocational Readiness to a student who completes 4 years of high school and who has demonstrated through a special education or career and technical education program the ability to perform work-related tasks. A Certificate of Vocational Readiness is not a high school diploma and is intended for students who are not able to successfully complete the Michigan Merit Curriculum or to earn a Certificate of Academic Competence but who have demonstrated the requisite job-related skills to successfully enter the workforce, with or without accommodation.

B. Certificate of Attendance

The Board will award a Certificate of Attendance to a student who completes 4 years of high school. A Certificate of Attendance is not a high school diploma and is intended for those students who are not able to successfully complete the Michigan Merit Curriculum, earn a Certificate of Academic Competence, or earn a Certificate of Vocational Readiness.

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