

## GRADUATION OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

For students with disabilities between ages 15 and 20, a student's IEP team may make appropriate adaptations of the specific state and local graduation requirements to meet those unique skills and abilities that result from the student's disability. The IEP team shall specify those adaptations in the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) along with the projected date of graduation. The school system shall grant a regular high school diploma to students with disabilities who have completed the graduation requirements outlined in their IEPs when the adaptations that were made to the student's academic program provide reasonable modifications of the specific statutory requirements to reflect limitations resulting from the child's disability. Students who are unable to meet the statutory requirements and who have completed their years of school eligibility shall be granted a diploma indicating the completion of their special education program. The school system shall accept the IEP determination of a disabled student's graduation requirements as written in the student's IEP for students with disabilities between the ages of 15 and 20 inclusive. The school administrative unit shall inform in writing, and in accordance with Maine Special Education Regulations, both the parent and, when appropriate, the student, that completion of the student's IEP and consequent graduation constitutes a termination of eligibility for special education services as outlined in Maine Special Education Regulations.

### Legal Reference:

Title 20-A, MRSA, Sec. 4722 Me. Dept. of Education Regulations Chap. 101 – 5.13; 9.5; 10

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