

§257-A. Department of Education diploma

The commissioner shall issue a Department of Education diploma to a student who qualifies for the diploma pursuant to this section. A Department of Education diploma has the same legal status as a diploma awarded by a school administrative unit. [PL 2013, c. 439, §2 (NEW).]

1. Eligibility to apply for diploma. A student is eligible to apply for a Department of Education diploma if that student is unable to satisfy the requirements for a diploma from a school administrative unit because the student experienced one or more education disruptions, as defined in section 5161, subsection 2-A, during the student's educational history. [PL 2013, c. 439, §2 (NEW).]

2. Standard for awarding diploma. The commissioner shall issue a diploma under this section only to a student who demonstrates achievement of the content standards of the system of learning results established pursuant to section 6209. [PL 2013, c. 439, §2 (NEW).]

3. Process. A student who seeks a Department of Education diploma shall submit an application to the commissioner, including such evidence of student achievement and other information as is required by the commissioner. Evidence of student achievement may include, but is not limited to, transcripts, waivers, academic reports and school work recognition plans. The commissioner shall form a review team to review evidence of student achievement and to make a recommendation to the commissioner on the awarding of a diploma under this section. The commissioner shall make the final determination of eligibility for a diploma under this section. [PL 2013, c. 439, §2 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 2013, c. 439, §2 (NEW).

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