

VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOARD POLICY NO. 6147

ADOPTED: 01/27/03

CLASSIFICATION: Curriculum/Instruction

REVISED:

SUBJECT: High School Certificate of Completion

Individuals with exceptional needs shall be awarded a high school certificate of completion if they meet any one of the following requirements:

1. The individual with exceptional needs has satisfactorily completed the board approved standards based functional curriculum.
2. The individual with exceptional needs has satisfactorily met his or her individualized education program goals and objectives during high school as determined by the individualized education program team.
3. The individual with exceptional needs has satisfactorily attended high school, participated in the instruction as prescribed in his or her individualized education program, and has met the objectives of the statement of transition services.

An individual with exceptional needs who meets the criteria for a certificate of completion shall be eligible to participate in any graduation ceremony and any other school activity related to graduation in which a pupil of similar age without disabilities would be eligible to participate. The right to participate in graduation ceremonies does not equate a certificate of completion with a regular high school diploma.

This policy is not intended to eliminate the opportunity for an individual with exceptional needs to earn a standard diploma issued by the Ventura County Office of Education, when the pupil has completed the prescribed course of study and has passed the California High School Exit Examination with or without accommodations and modification.

Legal References:

EDUCATION CODE

56390	Individuals with exceptional needs; certificate or document of educational achievement or completion requirements.
56391	Graduation ceremonies
56392	Standard diplomas