

Da Vinci Schools

Policies and Procedures

DIFFERENTIAL GRADUATION AND COMPETENCY STANDARDS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The Board of Trustees recognizes that students with disabilities are entitled to a course of study that provides them with a free appropriate public education (FAPE) and that modifications to Da Vinci School's regular course of study may be needed on an individualized basis to provide FAPE. In accordance with law, each student's individualized education program (IEP) team shall determine the appropriate goals, as well as any appropriate individual accommodations necessary for measuring the academic achievement and functional performance of the student on state and districtwide assessments.

Certificate of Educational Achievement or Completion

In place of a high school diploma, a student with a disability may be awarded a certificate of completion if the student has met one of the following requirements: (Education Code 56390)

1. Satisfactorily completed a prescribed alternative course of study approved by the board of trustees with jurisdiction over the student as identified in his/her IEP
2. Satisfactorily met his/her IEP goals and objectives during high school as determined by the IEP team
3. Satisfactorily attended high school, participated in the instruction as prescribed in his/her IEP, and met the objectives of the statement of transition services

A student with a disability who meets any of these criteria specified above shall be eligible to participate in any graduation ceremony and any school activities related to graduation in which a graduating student of similar age without a disability would be eligible to participate (Education Code 56391).

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

56341 Individualized education program team

56345 Elements of the IEP

56390-56392 Certificate of completion, special education

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

3070 Graduation

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
1400-1482 Individual with Disabilities Education Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34
300.1-300.818 Individual with Disabilities Education Act, especially:
300.320 Definition of IEP

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