

# **POLICY IKF**

## **Board of Education Las Cruces Public Schools**

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**Responsible Office:** Chief Academic Officer

### **Graduation/Credit Requirements**

#### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Policy is to establish graduation requirements for the students of Las Cruces Public Schools.

#### **II. BACKGROUND**

Graduation from Las Cruces Public Schools signifies that students have satisfactorily completed their required course of study. In order to receive a diploma, students must meet all specified requirements as established by the Board of Education, the Superintendent and the State of New Mexico as outlined in 22-13-1.1, NMSA 1978 and 6.29.1.1 NMAC.

#### **III. POSITION**

- A. Students, including special education students with an Individualized Education Program, NMAC 6.29.1.9-J-13, must complete twenty-nine (29) high school credits to be eligible for a diploma.
- B. At the end of grade eight (8) through eleven (11), each student shall prepare an interim next step plan that sets forth the coursework for the grades remaining until graduation. The plan shall explain any differences from previous next-step plans and shall be filed electronically in the district's student information system. In the case where a paper plan is prepared, a copy signed by the student, the student's parent, and the student's guidance counselor or other school official charged with coursework planning for the student shall be filed with the principal of the high school.
- C. One a student has entered ninth grade, the graduation requirements shall not be changed for that student from the requirements specified in law at the time the student entered ninth grade.
- D. Marching band, junior reserve officers' training corps or any other co-curricular physical activity may qualify as the required physical education requirement. The regulation for this policy shall identify co-curricular courses that meet this requirement.
- E. A student shall not be awarded for a New Mexico Diploma of Excellence if the student has not demonstrated competence in the subject areas of

mathematics, reading and language arts, writing, social studies, and science, including a section on the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of New Mexico based on standards-based assessments or a portfolio alternate demonstration of competency as established by the Board of Education (Policy & Regulation IKFC/IKFC-R).

- F. Students who have met the graduation requirements may earn the State Seal of Bilingualism-Biliteracy on the New Mexico Diploma of Excellence as outlined in state statute (§22-1-9.1 NMSA, 1978). The student’s high school transcript shall also indicate that the student received the State Seal on the New Mexico Diploma of Excellence.
- G. The superintendent will promulgate a regulation for the enforcement of this policy.

**IV. REVIEW AND REPORTING**

This policy will be reviewed in accordance with the Board of Education policy review process.

*Maria A. Flores*

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*Board of Education, President*

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*Date Approved*

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**Legal Reference:** 22-13-1.1, NMSA 1978 and 6.29.1.1 NMAC