
HIGH SCHOOL INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM DIPLOMA

The Committee on Special Education shall make every effort to ensure that students with disabilities are provided with appropriate opportunities to earn a high school diploma in accordance with the provisions of Section 100.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

Students with disabilities who are unable to complete the requirements for a high school diploma in accordance with the provisions of Section 100.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education may be eligible for a Sharon Springs Central School Individualized Education Program Diploma.

A student with a disability is eligible for an IEP diploma:

- a) At the end of the school year in which the student attains the age of 21, upon a finding that the student has met the educational goals specified in the student's current IEP.
- b) At the time a student has attended school, excluding kindergarten, or has received a substantially equivalent education for at least twelve years, upon the finding that the student has achieved the educational goals specified in the student's current IEP.

The high school IEP diploma shall be identical in form to the diploma issued by the school district, except that there shall appear on the front of the IEP diploma a clear annotation indicating that the diploma is awarded on the basis of the student's successful achievement of the educational goals based on an appropriate level of the learning standards and as specified in the student's current IEP, as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

If the student receiving a high school individualized education diploma is less than twenty-one years of age, such diploma shall be accompanied by the following written statement of assurance:

(Student Name) shall continue to be eligible to attend the public school of the Sharon Springs Central School District or in the public school of the school district in which (student name) resides without payment of tuition until (student name) has earned a high school diploma or until the end of the school year of (student name) twenty-first birthday, whichever is earlier.