

HIGH SCHOOL CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

In lieu of a standard high school diploma, a certificate of achievement may be granted to a student when:

1. The student is identified as a student with special needs
2. The student has spent at least four years in full-time programming at a high school, grades 9 through 12
3. The granting of a certificate of achievement is recommended by the student's individual education plan team and the Dover High School Student Evaluation/Placement Team.

The student will participate in commencement activities and will be included in all listings of participants.

The certificate presented to the student will resemble a standard diploma.

When a student has been granted a certificate of achievement, the student's transcript will include the following statement:

A certificate of achievement was granted upon completion of individual goals and objectives established as part of an individual education plan through the Special Education programs of the Dover School System and is not a standard diploma based upon completion of state and local requirements.

The certificate of achievement is for students who have spent a majority of their high school programming in noncredit-granting courses and, therefore, are unable to attain sufficient credits for a standard diploma.

All educationally disabled students have equal opportunity to complete a course of studies leading to a high school diploma.

Dover High School individual education plans will state whether or not the student is enrolled in courses for credit.

The granting of a certificate of achievement and participation in commencement activities does not negate these students' right to services as prescribed in an individual education plan to the age of twenty-one (21), including postgraduate instruction at Dover High School.