



**SECTION: STUDENTS**

**POLICY: 205**

**TITLE: AWARDING DIPLOMAS TO AN ADULT RESIDENT WHO DID NOT COMPLETE HIGH SCHOOL**

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**I. PURPOSE**

In order to recognize and honor eligible Veterans who left high school prior to graduation to serve in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War, the Board of School Directors shall grant a diploma to an eligible Veteran who completes the required application.

**II. DEFINITIONS**

- A. **Veteran** – a World War II Veteran, Korean War Veteran, or Vietnam War Veteran
- B. **World War II Veteran** – one who was honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States of America after serving in the United States military between September 16, 1940, and December 31, 1946; attended high school between 1937 and 1946; and would have been a member of a graduating class during 1941 through 1950 but did not graduate due to entry into military service.
- C. **Korean War Veteran** – one who was honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States of America after serving in the United States military between June 27, 1950, and January 31, 1955; attended high school between 1947 and 1955; and would have been a member of a graduating class during 1951 through 1957 but did not graduate due to entry into military service.
- D. **Vietnam War Veteran** – one who was honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States of America after serving in the United States military between February 28, 1961, and May 7, 1975; attended high school between 1958 and 1975; and would have been a member of a graduating class during 1961 through 1975 but did not graduate due to entry into military service.
- E. **Authority** - Upon proper application, the Board of School Directors may award a diploma to those Veterans who submit such application, or have such application submitted in their behalf if deceased.

**III. POLICY**

An applicant for a high school diploma will submit references, records, and other pertinent information to the High School Principal. The High School Principal will then evaluate the application based upon the educational requirements of the District. If the requirements are met, the High School Principal will present to the Superintendent written findings, evaluations, and a

specific recommendation for awarding a Wissahickon High School Diploma. The recommendation will then be submitted to the Board of School Directors for consideration and action.

**IV. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY**

The Superintendent or his designee shall be responsible for submitting to the Board of School Directors for its approval the names of Veterans eligible for a high school diploma.

**V. REFERENCES**

24 P.S. 1611