

File: I32

**GRADUATION POLICY FOR STUDENTS IN OUT OF DISTRICT PROGRAMS**

It is recognized that on occasion a student may need to attend a high school operated by an educational collaborative or private agency that does not grant its own diploma. It is further recognized that such students should be allowed, if capable, to receive a high school diploma following the successful completion of a prescribed course of studies. This course of studies should closely resemble that of the student's local district high school.

In order to insure that the student's course of study parallels that of either Chicopee High School or Chicopee Comprehensive High School, the Principal of the student's local district high school shall serve as a member of the student's Evaluation Team. The Principal (or designee) shall attend all Team and/or Review Team Meetings concerning such student. The Principal or designee shall approve the student's proposed course work and any changes to the student's course schedule. The student's parent and the director of the school shall also approve the proposed course work.

Whenever a student successfully accumulates the required number of credits for graduation he/she shall be granted a diploma from the Chicopee Public Schools. The diploma may be awarded at any ceremony or event held by the collaborative or private school, or in any other fashion as determined by the Assistant Superintendent for Students. Special Education services cease upon the acceptance of the diploma by the student.

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*\*Please refer to the Graduation Course Credit Approval Form for Out of District Special Education Students (File: I32.1) located in the Chicopee Public Schools Procedures Manual.*