

Graduation Requirements
Class of 2010
Important Notice

Seniors are reminded that they must fulfill all of the North Schuylkill School Districts requirements in order to be eligible to receive a diploma. The following is a brief outline of the districts graduation requirements.

Mastery of State Standards

The North Schuylkill School District requires that all students achieve either advanced or proficiency status in order to be eligible to receive their high school diploma. This assessment is conducted through the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment. Students that score at the advanced or proficient level on the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment will receive Certificates of Proficiency or Distinction. State assessments are currently given in reading, writing, and mathematics.

In the event that a senior does not achieve proficiency in the PSSA, during their junior year, a retest will be given in the fall of their senior year. The tentative date for the retest for the class of 2010 is October 26th to November 6th . In the event that a senior does not achieve proficiency during the PSSA retest the district will provide a local assessment that will allow the senior to demonstrate their proficiency in order to complete this particular graduation requirement by the North Schuylkill School District.

Community Service

A minimum of 20 hours of community service will be required of each student over a four year period, grades 9-12, for graduation. Whatever type of community service the student chooses to become involved in must be approved by the administration and must be able to be documented and verified by the administration. Students will be given examples of possible avenues for completing this requirement when the administration and guidance department meet with them to discuss scheduling.

Graduation Requirements

According to Pennsylvania State Regulations, each student must complete a Graduation Project. The Chapter IV Regulations require each student to successfully complete this project. The North Schuylkill School District has developed such a project and has specific requirements.

The purpose of the Graduation Project is to assure that all students are able to apply, analyze, synthesize, and evaluate information. The students will demonstrate their knowledge through a combination of research, writing, and oral presentation/demonstration in a multi-disciplinary project. The Graduation Project will provide all students with a culminating activity that demonstrates these skills. It also gives the students an opportunity outside the classroom to integrate their various courses of study with their individual interests.

Projects may be done individually or in groups. Projects may be expanded research projects, self-directed projects, or an exploration of a career. Students will be assigned a faculty advisor, and may also seek a mentor from the staff or community. This project will culminate in a written component and an oral presentation.

The class of 2010 will complete their presentations during the first week of December.