

**Spectrum Charter School
4369 Northern Pike
Monroeville, PA 15146**

Board of Trustees Policy 217.2

**PARTICIPATION BY STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES IN
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONIES**

The Board of Trustees (“Board”) of the Spectrum Charter School (“Charter School”) recognizes that each year, students’ accomplishments are celebrated through graduation ceremonies at which high school diplomas are bestowed upon students who have completed their high school requirements. The opportunity for classmates with disabilities to celebrate their accomplishments together occurs only once, and the opportunity to celebrate the receipt of a diploma several years after one’s classmates have graduated diminishes the experience for students whose like age peers have left high school several years earlier.

Therefore, in accordance with the Public School Code of 1949, the Charter School shall allow a student with a disability, whose individualized education program prescribes continued special education programs beyond the fourth year of high school, to participate in commencement ceremonies with the student's graduating class and receive a certificate of attendance, provided that the student has attended four (4) years of high school regardless of whether the student has completed the individualized education program.

Nothing in this policy shall be construed to preclude a student with a disability from receiving a high school diploma when the student satisfactorily completes an individualized education program as required.

TO THE EXTENT THAT ANYTHING IN THIS POLICY COULD BE CONSTRUED TO CONFLICT WITH THE SCHOOL’S CHARTER OR APPLICABLE STATE AND/OR FEDERAL LAWS, THE APPLICABLE STATE AND/OR FEDERAL LAWS AND/OR CHARTER CONTROL.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

President

Secretary