

Hampton County School District 2

Guidelines for Students Petitioning for ACT 155 (now Act 207) High School Diplomas

ACT 155 (now Act 207) States:

A person who is no longer enrolled in a public school and who previously failed to receive a high school diploma or was denied graduation solely for failing to meet the exit exam requirements pursuant to Act 155 (now Act 207) and State Regulation may petition the local school board to determine the student's eligibility to receive a high school diploma pursuant to this chapter. The local school board will transmit diploma requests to the South Carolina Department of Education in accordance with department procedures. Petitions under this section must be submitted to the local school district. Students receiving diplomas in accordance with this section shall not be counted as graduates in the graduation rate calculations for affected schools and districts, either retroactively or in current or future calculations.

The exit exam was eliminated as a graduation requirement to receive a S.C. high school diploma beginning with the graduating class of 2015. The elimination of the exit exam (BSAP, HSAP) requirement is retroactive to the graduating class of 1990.

Petitioning Procedures Below:

- Students who did not meet the exit exam requirements for the Basic Skills Assessment Program (BSAP) or the exit exam requirements under the High School Assessment Program (HSAP) but otherwise met all other graduation requirements may petition the local school board for an Act 155 (now Act 207) High School Diploma.
- Once a student chooses to petition for an Act 155 (now Act 207) High School Diploma, he/she must complete the required district application and submit it to the District's Student Services Coordinator at the district office.
- The application and academic records will be reviewed to determine if the student meets the requirement for this proviso. If found that the only thing preventing the petitioner from receiving a high school diploma was the passage of an exit exam (BSAP) or (HSAP), the petitioner's name will be submitted to Hampton County School District 2 Board of Trustees for diploma approval during regularly scheduled monthly meetings.
- The date of graduation that will be recorded will be the day that the local school board officially approves the student's petition – not the original, traditional graduation ceremony date in June.
- As stated by ACT 155 (now Act 207) of 2014, "*Students receiving diplomas in accordance with this section shall not be counted as graduates in the graduation rate calculations for affected schools and districts, either retroactively or in current or future calculations.*"

Graduation Requirements

Graduating Class	Credits to Graduate	Unit Requirements	
1990-2000	20 Credits	English/language arts	4.0
		mathematics	3.0
		natural science	2.0
		U.S. History and Constitution	1.0
		economics	0.5
		U.S. Government	0.5
		other social studies	1.0
		electives	8.0

		20.0 total	
2001-2014	24 Credits	English/language arts	4.0
		mathematics	4.0
		science	3.0
		U.S. History and Constitution	1.0
		economics	0.5
		U.S. Government	0.5
		other social studies	1.0
		physical education or Junior ROTC	1.0
		computer science (including keyboarding)	1.0
		foreign language or career and technology education	1.0
		electives	7.0

24.0 total			



Hampton County School District 2 ACT 155 (now Act 207) High School Diploma Application for Petition

Please fill out this application completely. Submit the completed form to the attention of the Student Services Coordinator Hampton County School District 2, 635 4th Street, P.O. Box 1028, Estill, SC 29918.

Please type or print neatly. All names should appear as they are listed on your birth certificate.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Current Street Address:		
City	State	Zip
Home Phone No.	Cell No.:	E-mail:

High School Attended: **Estill High School**

Principal's Name (when you were to graduate):

Graduation Year (when you were to graduate):

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For Office Use Only:

Date Petition Request Received:	Petition Request Received By:	Date Petition Request Submitted to Board:
Date Received Passing Exit Exam Scores:	Date Change of Diploma Submitted:	Transcript Approval: <input type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Denied Reason Denied:
	Date Change of Diploma Submitted:	Diploma Status Change By: