

Owens-Whitney Elementary School District #6

Graduation

POLICY

Owens-Whitney Elementary School District #6 shall provide a FAPE to all eligible students until termination of eligibility due to graduation from secondary school with a regular diploma or due to exceeding 21 years of age, in accordance with §300.305 and ARS 15-701.01(A)(3) and (B).

PROCEDURES

ARS 15-701.01 (B) and AAC R7-2-301 (D) (1)

- 1) ***Owens-Whitney Elementary School District #6*** ensures that the governing board shall prescribe graduation criteria for students with disabilities from its high schools, which shall include accomplishment of the academic standards in at least reading writing, mathematics, science and social studies, as determined by district assessment.
- 2) ***Owens-Whitney Elementary School District #6*** ensures that the governing board shall develop a course of study and graduation and promotion requirements for all students placed in special education programs in accordance with R7-2-401 et seq.

§300.102 Limitation – Exception to FAPE for Certain Ages

- 1) ***Owens-Whitney Elementary School District #6*** will not be obligated to provide FAPE to students with disabilities who have graduated from high school with a regular high school diploma.
- 2) The exception does not apply to children who have graduated from high school but have not been awarded a regular high school diploma.
- 3) Graduation from high school with a regular high school diploma constitutes a change of placement requiring prior written notice in accordance with §300.503.

§300.305 Additional Requirements for Evaluations and Reevaluations

- 1) An evaluation is not required before the termination of a child's eligibility due to graduation from secondary school with a regular diploma or due to the child's exceeding 21 years of age.
- 2) For a child no longer eligible due to graduation or exceeding the age of eligibility, ***Owens-Whitney Elementary School District #6*** must provide the

child with a summary of the child's academic achievement and functional performance, which shall include recommendations on how to assist the child in meeting the child's postsecondary goals.

ARS 15-701.01(3) High School Graduation Requirements

Pupils with disabilities as defined in ARS 15-761 or children who receive special education as defined in 15-763 shall not be required to achieve passing scores on competency tests (AZ MERIT / AIMS) in order to graduate from high school unless the pupil is learning at a level appropriate for the pupil's grade level in a specific academic area and unless a passing score on a competency test is specifically required in a specific academic area by the pupil's IEP as mutually agreed on by the pupil's parents (or 18-year old student) and the IEP team.