

## **EARNING A DELAWARE DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT DIPLOMA – CLASS OF 2006 OR 2007**

### **What kinds of Diplomas are available for the classes of 2006 and 2007?**

- State of Delaware High School Diploma
- State of Delaware Distinguished Achievement Diploma

### **How can students in the class of 2006 and 2007 earn and receive a State of Delaware High School Diploma?**

- Meet local district and state requirements (DSTP scores are not a factor);

### **How can students in the class of 2006 and 2007 earn and receive a State of Delaware Distinguished Achievement Diploma?**

**1**

- Be eligible for a State of Delaware High School Diploma by meeting local district and state requirements;

**AND**

**2**

- Score an average performance level of 4.0 across the five Delaware Student Testing Program (DSTP) subject areas – Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies
- OR :**
- Substitute “other academic indicators” for one or more of the performance level (PL) scores – these indicators are subject to State Board of Education approval and may include:
    1. Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)
    2. Advanced Placement Test (AP)

### **How can students earn and receive a State of Delaware Distinguished Achievement Diploma if their DSTP scores were too low or they missed the DSTP testing because they transferred from another state or from a non-public school?**

- Take DSTP Retests in October, March and May, or July
- Talk to a high school administrator or guidance counselor about substituting high scores from other academic indicators

### **Examples of scores that may qualify a student for a Distinguished Diploma:**

- PL=3 Writing; PL=4 Reading; PL=5 Mathematics; PL=4 Science; PL=4 Social Studies
- PL=4 Writing; PL=4 Reading; PL=5 Mathematics; AP score of 3, 4, or 5 in Chemistry; PL=4 Social Studies
- Score of 3, 4, or 5 in AP English Composition; Score of 3, 4, or 5 in AP English Literature; PL=3 Mathematics; PL=4 Science; PL=5 Social Studies

## **EARNING A STATE OF DELAWARE DIPLOMA CLASS OF 2008 AND BEYOND**

**What kind of Diploma is available for the classes of 2008 and beyond?**

- State of Delaware High School Diploma

**How can students in the class of 2008 earn and receive a State of Delaware High School Diploma?**

**1**

- Meet local district and state requirements;

**AND**

**2**

- “Achieve proficient levels of performance” on the grade 10 Reading, Writing, and Mathematics DSTP and the grade 11 Science and Social Studies DSTP.

**OR :**

- Substitute “other academic indicators” for one or more of the performance level (PL) scores – these indicators may include:
  1. Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT)
  2. Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Test (ACT)
  3. Advanced Placement Tests
  4. Other assessments approved at the State level in a content area

**How can students earn and receive a State of Delaware High School Diploma if their DSTP scores were too low or they missed the DSTP testing because they transferred from another state or from a non-public school?**

- Take DSTP Retests in October, March and May, or July
- Talk to a high school administrator or guidance counselor about substituting high scores from “other academic indicators”

**What does it mean for a student to “achieve proficient levels of performance” on the Grades 10 and 11 DSTP?**

Regulations will be written that will establish the procedures for selecting the proficiency levels required for a State of Delaware High School Diploma.