

500.4 - School Completion (Evergreen) Certificate Protocol

Learningstorm Education Society

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The School Completion (“Evergreen”) Certificate is intended to celebrate success in learning that is not recognized in a Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma). The Evergreen Certificate is not a graduation certificate. Students who receive an Evergreen Certificate have completed their K-12 education experience; they have not graduated.

An Evergreen Certificate is used to recognize the accomplishments of students with special needs and an Individual Education Plan (IEP), who have met the goals of their education program, other than graduation (not all students with special needs should be in an Evergreen Certificate Program.)

A student enrolled in an educational program other than the graduation program will be eligible for a British Columbia School Completion Certificate.

Protocol

1. The principal is responsible for making this protocol available to parents if there is consideration by the school, parent(s) or a student for an Evergreen Certificate.
2. After determining that a student meets the criteria for an Evergreen Certificate, The Principal must clearly describe for parents and students what an Evergreen Certificate is and the difference between a Dogwood Diploma and an Evergreen Certificate.
3. When a student has met the following criteria, the principal will recommend to the Ministry of Education and Child Care that they receive the Evergreen certificate:
 - a. Capstone
 - b. Completion of IEP goals as identified in the student’s current IEP
 - c. The student has an Individual Education Plan (IEP) and is enrolled in an educational program
not designed to meet the graduation program requirements, and

4. The Pacific School of Innovation and Inquiry will not normally issue an Evergreen Certificate except in extremely exceptional circumstances. All efforts will be made to help learners meet the required outcomes of the BC Graduation Program .