

Graduation Exercises

Because the Board believes that completion of the requirements for a diploma is an achievement that deserves recognition, the Board wishes to recognize each graduating senior's accomplishment in a publicly-celebrated graduation exercise.

The program for graduation exercises shall be secular in nature and neutral with respect to religious expressions by students. The program shall not include any religious activities.

Student Participation in Graduation Exercises and Activities

A student who is deficient of credits necessary for graduation may not participate in graduation activities.

Year-end or mid-year graduates are eligible to participate in graduation ceremonies if the following requirements are met:

1. They are able to attend all graduation rehearsals.
2. They have paid all outstanding fees, unless otherwise waived by the principal or principal's designee due to the student's financial hardship.
3. They have returned or replaced any loaned textbooks and/or library resources.
4. They get measured for caps and gowns at proper times.
5. They comply with all district policies, rules and regulations.

Diplomas shall be issued to mid-year graduates only during or following the end of the year graduation ceremony. Mid-year graduates shall be eligible to attend the senior breakfast, the junior-senior prom and other senior week activities, unless the principal or principal's designee determines that the mid-year graduate has failed to comply with this policy and/or other district policies, rules and regulations.

Baccalaureate Services

Groups composed of interested students and their families may plan and organize baccalaureate services that are religious in nature. However, the district shall not be identified, explicitly or implicitly, as sponsoring or endorsing such services. Attendance at such services shall be entirely voluntary with students and school personnel acting as private individuals.

District funds including paid staff time shall not be used for baccalaureate services. Groups planning baccalaureate services may rent and use district facilities under the same terms, conditions and rates prescribed by the district for other comparable student activities.

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