LYON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD POLICY IKFB

PARTICIPATION IN GRADUATION CEREMONIES

It is the policy of the Lyon County School District that all high school students who have earned an Adjusted Diploma, Standard Diploma, or Honors Diploma shall have the opportunity to participate in graduation ceremonies. In addition, students who have earned all appropriate credits, but have not passed examinations required by Nevada Revised Statute and the Nevada Department of Education, may participate in graduation ceremonies as a "ceremony participant" after meeting with their site principal.

The type of diploma each student receives, with the exception of those students who receive an Adjusted Diploma, must be clearly indicated in the ceremony program. Students who receive an Adjusted Diploma will be designated as having received a Standard Diploma in the program. Students not receiving a diploma will be designated as a "ceremony participant" in the program.

All state and district requirements must be met in order for a student to receive the appropriate diploma.

Students who receive an Adult High School Diploma will be awarded their diploma in a ceremony that is separate from the high school ceremony.

In order to honor the graduating seniors and protect the dignity of the graduation ceremony, dress and grooming standards will be developed and outlined in the administrative regulations. These standards will be communicated to all participating seniors at least two weeks prior to the graduation ceremony so that students and families can plan accordingly.

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PARTICIPATION IN GRADUATION CEREMONIES – ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

LCSD policies apply to graduation ceremonies, including policies associated with proper dress, appropriate behavior, and prohibited activities.

LCSD graduation ceremonies are a formal and honorary occasion. Graduating students are expected to dress in appropriate attire for the graduation ceremony.

LCSD also acknowledges that a graduation ceremony is an important milestone and recognizes that some cultures and/or religions students may request modest additions to a graduate's regalia. Students may will be allowed to alter their graduation regalia by displaying modest cultural or religious accessories under the following conditions:

- The accessory is displayed in a respectful manner.
- The accessory does not distract from the dignity and purpose of the ceremony.
- The accessory does not violate LCSD dress code standards.
- The accessory receives prior approval from the parent/guardian and school principal/staff member appointed by the principal 24 hours or more before the day of the graduation ceremony. If decorated regalia is not within standards of policy JFJ (Dress and Grooming Standards), the student(s) will be directed to remove unapproved/inappropriate decorations. If they refuse to remove decorations, they will be asked to wear a blank cap. If they refuse to do ither they will not be allowed to walk in the graduation ceremony.

Reference - LCSD Policies:

- JFCG Student Smoking
- JFJ Dress and Grooming Standards
- JG Student Discipline
- JFCC Safe and Respectful Learning Environment
- JFC Gang Activity or Association