

GRADUATION EXERCISES

A. Graduation exercises will be held **each school year** for **all** students who have met **State and local requirements for graduation from high school.**

B. Participation in high school commencement exercises is **a privilege and not a right for each qualifying student, and while all qualified students are encouraged to participate in the commencement exercises, it is not compulsory.** However, since these exercises require **planning, rehearsals, appropriate behavior consistent with formalities undertaken and standard attire,** the following **requirements** shall apply:

1. Students who wish to participate must be present at **all scheduled** rehearsals. Failure to do so, except for legitimate reasons for **the student's** absence, may be cause for excluding **the** student from participating in **the final commencement exercise.**
2. Students may not participate in the commencement exercises unless they have successfully completed the requirements for graduation and paid all fees, fines, and charges due.
3. **Students may not participate in the commencement exercises unless each student agrees to comply with behavior expectations for the final commencement exercise and to comply with all dress and grooming codes for the event.**
4. **Parents and students over the age of 18 will be provided with notice of all regulations and rules applicable to the commencement exercises prior to the first rehearsal.**
5. **The Superintendent may promulgate regulations to ensure compliance with this policy and may allow and provide rules at his or her discretion for students to express forms of individuality limited to the top of the graduation cap. In addition, the Superintendent's regulations shall address rules regarding attire worn under graduation gowns and grooming requirements.**

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