

## Board Policy

Derby Public Schools

### PARTICIPATION IN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

It has been the practice of the Derby Board of Education to preside over commencement exercise for high school graduation; however, there will be no direct involvement with the middle school ceremonies. To maintain respect for the accomplishments of graduating students, their parents and staff, the Board of Education is committed to maintaining an environment that is dignified, respectful and commensurate for the occasion.

Accordingly, the role of the Board of Education at high school commencement exercises will be as follows:

The Chair and/or Majority Leader will officially preside over commencement exercises representing the Board of Education. If the Chair and/or Majority Leaders are unable to attend one or both of the commencement exercise, the Minority Leader will serve in their place. In the absence of either the Chair, Majority and/or Minority Leader, the Board chair will, after soliciting input from interested Board members, assign a Board member to serve as the designee for said commencement.

It is the responsibility of the Chair and/or Majority Leader to coordinate with the respective school administration on the awarding and distribution of diplomas. The awarding of diplomas is exclusively reserved for members of the Board of Education. Upon request and in accordance with commencement exercises, a Board member other than the Chair and/or Majority Leader may award a diploma to a graduating family member.

The role of Board members other than the Chair and/or Majority Leader is to assist with commencement exercise. Assisting with commencement exercises consists of handing diplomas to either the Chair and/or Majority Leader.