

GRADUATION CEREMONIES AND ACTIVITIES

BP 5127 (a)

Note: Effective June 30, 2016, the requirement in AS 14.03.075 that a secondary student take a college and career readiness assessment before being issued a diploma is repealed. Effective July 1, 2014, A school may not issue a secondary school diploma to a student unless the student takes a college and career readiness assessment or receives a waiver from the School Board. AS 14.03.075.

High school graduation ceremonies shall be held to recognize those students who have successfully completed the district graduation requirements and earned the right to receive a diploma or a certificate of completion. Students earning a certificate of attendance may also participate in graduation ceremonies. Students who have met the district graduation requirements but have not participated in a college and career readiness assessment may participate in graduation exercises without receiving a diploma.

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

(cf. 6146.5 – Differential Requirements for Individuals with Exceptional Needs)

Graduation Ceremony Dates

Graduation ceremonies are an important part of the high school experience and brings culmination to many years of work and growth for our students. Graduation ceremonies shall take place no more than 7 calendar days prior to the last day of school.

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

At the discretion of the Superintendent or designee, a student who is no more than two credits short of fulfilling district credit requirements may participate in graduation exercises without receiving his/her diploma. The student, parent, and site administrator must sign a graduation completion contract, outlining when work must be completed by. When the required credits have been earned, a diploma shall be sent to the student by mail.

In accordance with school site rules, the site administrator may deny a student the privilege of participating in graduation or promotion activities because of misconduct.

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

School-sponsored invocations and/or benedictions shall not be included in graduation ceremonies.

Legal References:

ALASKA STATUTES

14.03.075 Secondary pupil competency testing

14.03.090 Sectarian or denominational doctrines prohibited

UNITED STATES CODE

Elementary and Secondary Education Act, 20 U.S.C. § 9524, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, P.L. 107-110

COURT DECISIONS

Santa Fe Indep. Sch. Dist. v. Doe, 530 U.S. 290 (2000)

Lee v. Weisman, 505 U.S. 577 (1992)

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