

Molalla River School District

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Graduation Exercises

The Board believes that completion of the requirements for a diploma, a modified diploma, an extended diploma or ~~an alternative certificate~~ a certificate of attendance from public schools is an achievement that improves the community as well as the individual. The Board wishes to recognize this achievement in a publicly celebrated graduation exercise.

Accordingly, appropriate graduation programs may be planned by the school on the date selected by the Board.

The district's valedictorian(s), salutatorian(s) or others, at the discretion of the principal or designee, may be permitted to speak as part of the district's planned graduation program. All speeches will be reviewed and approved in advance by the building principal or designee.

All students in good standing¹ who have successfully completed the requirements for a high school diploma, or qualifies to receive or receives a modified diploma, an extended diploma or ~~an alternative certificate~~ a certificate of attendance, including a student participating in a district-sponsored alternative education program and a student with disabilities receiving a document certifying successful completion of program requirements, shall have the option to participate in graduation exercises.

A student shall be allowed to wear a dress uniform issued to the student by a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces if the student:

1. Qualifies to receive a high school diploma, a modified diploma, an extended diploma or ~~an alternative certificate~~ a certificate of attendance; and
2. Has completed basic training for, and is an active member of, a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Graduating students will be allowed to wear² Native American or other items of cultural significance.³

END OF POLICY

¹ A student may be denied participation in graduation exercises for conduct that violates board policy, administrative regulation and/or code of conduct provisions.

² "Native American items of cultural significance" means items or objects that are traditionally associated with Native American or that have religious or cultural significance to a Native American.

³ The district may prohibit an item or object that: a) is likely to cause a substantial disruption of, or material interference with the graduation ceremony, or b) replaces a cap or gown customarily worn at a graduation ceremony.

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 329.451	OAR 581-021-0050	OAR 581-022-2015
ORS 332.107	OAR 581-021-0055	OAR 581-022-2020
ORS 332.112		
ORS 339.505	OAR 581-021-0060	OAR 581-022-2505
ORS 343.295	OAR 581-022-2000	OAR 581-022-2010
ORS 659.850		

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31 OR. ATTY. GEN. OP. 428 (1964)

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1683 (2018); Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance, 34 C.F.R. Part 106 (2020).

Kay v. David Douglas Sch. Dist. No. 40,1987); cert. den., 484 U.S. 1032 (1988).

Doe v. Madison Sch. Dist. No. 321, 177 F.3d 789 (9th Cir. 1999).

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

Hazelwood Sch. Dist. v. Kuhlmeier, 484 U.S. 260 (1988).

Cross Reference(s):

IKC - Class Rankings

IKF - Graduation Requirements