

### **GRADUATION CEREMONY**

The completion of the requirements for a diploma is an achievement that improves the community as well as the individual. The Board of Education wishes to recognize that achievement in a publicly celebrated graduation ceremony. The Board of Education also stresses that participation in the ceremony is something to be earned by students involved. Students must have approval of the High School Principal and District Administrator to participate in any graduation ceremonies. While any student meeting the minimum requirements for a diploma shall be granted one, students are not to expect that meeting the minimum requirements for a diploma automatically entitles them to participate in graduation ceremonies.

The High School Principal and District Administrator shall consider the following guidelines in determining if a student may participate in graduation ceremonies:

1. A student must have completed all required credits to participate in the ceremonies. Exceptions may be granted for education, medical, and personal issues that may have disadvantaged the student from completing the required coursework within regular timeframes. The student must have been maintaining a passing scholastic record prior to such incident. The diploma, however, will be withheld until completion of the required course work.
2. Students who have earned credits through alternative programs shall be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremonies providing the student has completed the prescribed course of study that was identified as part of developing the alternative student or placement plan.
3. Foreign Exchange students may be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremonies and be presented a certificate of attendance.
4. Residents attending other high schools under open enrollment or in home-school programs shall not participate in graduation ceremonies.
5. A student must have satisfied all time obligations for unexcused absences or other assigned detentions.
6. Students may be denied participation in graduation ceremonies for school related disciplinary reasons or failure to meet fiscal obligations to the district.

In all cases the Principal shall provide notice to the student, parent(s), or guardian(s) of such sanctions and conditions relative to participation in graduation ceremonies.