

Calvert County Public Schools
1305 Dares Beach Road
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**Policy Statement #3310 (Students) of the Board of Education
Regarding Graduation Exercises**

- I. Purpose
 - A. To provide recognition for each graduating senior's accomplishment in a publicly celebrated graduation exercise
- II. Definitions
 - A. Graduation exercise – An academic activity at which Maryland High School Diplomas or Maryland High School Certificates are conferred to high school students (commencement). Additionally, students who are not diploma-bound and who are receiving documents or awards verifying their completion of the school-based portion of their educational programs may participate in these ceremonies. By definition, there are no formal graduation exercises held at elementary or middle schools.
- III. Policy Statement
 - A. The Calvert County Board of Education believes that completion of the requirements for a Maryland State High School Diploma or a Maryland High School Certificate from a Calvert County public school is an achievement that enhances the community as well as the individual and should be recognized in a publicly celebrated graduation exercise. Accordingly, appropriate graduation exercises may be planned by each high school's principal on the date, time, and location selected by the Board of Education.
 - B. For those students who are not diploma-bound, the Board will recognize at graduation exercises those students receiving Calvert County Public Schools documents or awards verifying their completion of the school-based portion of their educational program.
- IV. Delegation of Authority
 - A. The Superintendent of Schools is directed to develop administrative procedures to implement this policy in accordance with all local policies and state and federal laws and regulations and to communicate this policy and accompanying procedures to all relevant parties.
- V. Exceptions
 - A. There are no exceptions to this policy. However, the Board, by majority vote, may temporarily suspend all or part of this policy. Suspension of all or part of this policy, however, in no way relieves the Board of its obligation to comply with pertinent state and federal laws and regulations or the rules and regulations of the Maryland State Board of Education and the Maryland State Department of Education.
- VI. Review

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- A. This policy will be reviewed at the end of four years, or sooner, if approved by majority vote of the Board of Education in public session.

VII. Effective Date

- A. This policy is effective July 12, 2018.

Citations

State Law: § 7-205 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

State Reg.: COMAR 13A.03.01-.09

Federal Law:

Adm. Reg.:

Neg. Agr.:

Other Citation: