

# ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION

No. 518(f)

## Board of Trustees Douglas County School District

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### GRADUATION CEREMONY REGULATIONS

Douglas County School District sets forth the following regulations with respect to students who receive a Standard High School Diploma, Advanced High School Diploma, Honors Diploma, Adjusted Diploma, Adult Education Diploma, or Nevada Certificate of High School Equivalency (HSE):

- 1) Standard High School Diploma – Participation in regular high school graduation ceremony.
- 2) Advanced High School Diploma – Participation in regular high school graduation ceremony.
- 3) Honors Diploma – Participation in regular high school graduation ceremony.
- 4) Adjusted Diploma - Participation in regular high school graduation ceremony.
- 5) Adult Standard Diploma– Participation in alternative high school graduation ceremony.
- 6) Adult Standard Diploma (community learners no longer in high school) – Participation in Douglas Adult Education graduation ceremony.
- 7) Nevada Certificate of High School Equivalency (HSE) – No participation in any graduation ceremony.

Parents and students should be provided these regulations for their information.

#### Graduation Requirements:

##### Standard High School Diploma

Twenty-three (23) credits, pass all High School Proficiency Exams (HSPE) and Douglas County School District Competency Assessments.

##### Advanced High School Diploma

Pass all High School Proficiency Exams (HSPE) and Douglas High School District Competency Assessments, earn a minimum of 18 units of credit for required courses and 6 units of credit for elective courses for a total of at least 24 units of

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credit, and maintain at least a 3.25 GPA on a 4.0 grading scale, weighted or un-weighted, for all units of credit applicable towards graduation.

### Honors Diploma

To graduate with honors, a student must, pass all High School Proficiency Exams (HSPE) and Douglas County School District Competency Assessments, have a 3.6 or higher GPA on a 4.0 grading scale (grades 9-12), weighted or un-weighted, and must receive a "B" or higher in a minimum of ten semesters of Honors or AP classes. A student graduating with honors will wear a special cord on their graduation robe and will receive a special seal on their diploma. Additionally, a notation will be made on the student's transcript. Starting with the Class of 2015, all Advanced Diploma criteria must be met to receive the Honors Diploma, specifically 24 units of credit.

### Adjusted Diploma

Students with Individual Education Plans (IEPs), graduation requirements determined through the IEP process.

### Adult Standard Diploma

Twenty-and-one-half (20-1/2) credits and pass High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE).

Nevada Certificate of High School Equivalency Must be at least 16 years of age, must obtain Board of Trustees consent (16 or 17 years of age), and pass all subtests of the HSE assessment.

Note: Foreign Exchange students may receive recognition during the graduation ceremony but may not participate in the ceremony or wear the formal attire of the graduates.

See also: Administrative Regulations [518](#), [518\(a\)](#), [518\(b\)](#), [518\(c\)](#), [518\(d\)](#), and [518\(e\)](#)  
[DCSD Diploma Pathways and High School Equivalency](#)

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