

## **Request to Alter Graduation Regalia**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
High School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_  
Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Moore Public Schools maintains an interest to protect the time-honored traditions relative to our graduation ceremonies and our desire for those exercises to be reflective, solemn and formal. We also recognize our obligation to be sensitive and compliant with Oklahoma law.

Mike Hunter, Oklahoma Attorney General provides commentary and legal direction regarding the Oklahoma Religious Freedom Act. Under ORFA no governmental entity may “substantially burden a person’s free exercise of religion.” However, schools are not required to permit practices that are not religious, and many courts have recognized that religious freedom protections apply only to practices motivated by beliefs that are sincerely held.

In an effort to comply with legal requirements, any student may request to alter his/her graduation regalia if the request is based upon a free exercise of his/her religion.

1) Describe the alteration of graduation regalia you are requesting.

2) Please describe how this alteration is an extension of your sincerely held religious beliefs.