

Students

Graduation Ceremonies (Participation)

Graduation and related senior activities shall be established as opportunities to honor and to recognize those who have successfully completed the District's course of study and are qualified to receive a diploma. The Board believes that these students deserve a public celebration that recognizes the pursuit of learning throughout their lives.

High school students must fulfill State and District graduation requirements in order to participate in graduation ceremonies. A foreign exchange student may be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremonies at the discretion of the school administration, upon successful completion of the school year.

In order to encourage high standards of student conduct and behavior, the Principal may deny the privilege of participating in graduation ceremonies and/or activities in accordance with school rules. School rules shall ensure that the student and parent/guardian receive written notice of the privilege(s) to be denied, the grounds for such denial and the means whereby a student may appeal this decision.

Limitations:

1. These activities shall be free from acts and interruptions which diminish the dignity of the activities for the other participants and their family.
2. Participation shall be a privilege, reserved for those who conduct themselves according to the established guidelines, rather than a right.
3. Participation privileges shall be withdrawn from any student whose conduct is not according to established guidelines.
4. Cooperation must be exhibited with school staff members and administration in senior activities, including the graduation ceremony.
5. In order to preserve the dignity of the graduation ceremony, students must conform to school-sanctioned standards and expectations for behavior and attire.
6. Prior to the graduation ceremony, school properties must be returned and all outstanding fees paid.

(cf. 5114 - Suspension/Expulsion; Student Due Process)

(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Retention)

(cf. 5131 – Conduct and Discipline)

(cf. 6146 - Graduation Requirements)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

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