

Lakeland Joint School District No. 272

INSTRUCTION

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Participation in Commencement Exercises

Statement of Policy

Participation in this ceremony is reserved for those members of the graduating class who have completed all of the state and local requirements for graduation before the date of the ceremony. Students who complete their requirements after the date of commencement exercises will receive their diploma at that time.

Organization and Content of Commencement Exercises

The school administration shall exercise plenary control over all aspects of any graduation ceremony held within the district. The school administration may invite graduating students to participate in high school graduation exercises according to academic class standing or class officer status. Any student who, because of academic class standing, is requested to participate may choose to decline the invitation.

Students selected to participate may choose to deliver an address, poem, reading, song, musical presentation, or any other pronouncement of their choosing. The principal shall review and approve the student's address, poem, reading, song, musical presentation, or any other pronouncement of their choosing prior to its presentation to the audience attending the graduation ceremony.

In the event a student has not met the graduation requirements or is under suspension or expulsion, the student may be denied participation in the commencement exercise. Should this occur, the student's diploma will be awarded to the student after the official ceremony has been held.

Policy History:

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