

## Graduation Exercises

The Board of Education (the “Board”) for Mapleton Public Schools (the “District”) believes that completion of the requirements for a high school diploma is an achievement that deserves recognition. Accordingly, the Board will recognize each graduating senior's accomplishment in a publicly-celebrated graduation exercise.

Although senior class members may be asked to pay fees to defray graduation expenses, no student shall be barred from participating in the exercises because of inability to pay the fees.

The program for graduation exercises shall be secular in nature and neutral with respect to religious expressions by students. The program shall not include any school or District-sponsored prayers or other religious activities.

### Student Participation in Graduation Exercises and Activities

A student who is deficient of credits necessary for graduation may not participate in graduation activities.

Year-end and mid-year graduates are eligible to participate in graduation ceremonies if the following requirements are met:

1. The graduate attends graduation rehearsals;
2. The graduate has paid all outstanding fees, unless otherwise waived by the school director (or designee) due to financial hardship;
3. The graduate has returned or replaced all District-owned property;
4. The graduate is measured for a cap and gown by the designated time; and,
5. The graduate complies with all District policies, rules, and regulations.

Diplomas shall be issued to mid-year graduates only during or following the end of the year graduation ceremony. Mid-year graduates shall be eligible to attend the senior breakfast, the junior-senior prom and other senior week activities, unless the school director or school director's designee determines that the mid-year graduate has failed to comply with this policy and/or other district policies, rules and regulations.

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### CROSS REFERENCES:

KF: Community Use of School Facilities