

GRADUATION - TRIBAL REGALIA

Graduation Attire: Students who can verify their enrollment in a federally recognized Indian tribe or tribe of another country will be allowed to wear tribal regalia during the District's official graduation ceremonies.

No alterations may be made to the graduation robe and any beading shall be attached to the mortar board and shall not exceed the edge of the mortar board such that it impedes an individual's ability to see or be seen.

No discriminatory, intimidating or harassing items of any kind, profanity, anything relating to drug paraphernalia or the like, or any other obscenities of any kind may be incorporated with the regalia.

Prior to the beginning of the graduation ceremony, each student celebrating their tribal heritage through expression on their regalia must check in with District personnel for approval of the items. For purposes of this policy, students are considered students of District until graduation ceremonies have been completed and are required to abide by District's policies and procedures.

Failure to follow the aforementioned guidelines may result in disciplinary action and/or prohibition from participation in graduation exercises.

"Tribal Regalia" is defined as traditional garments, jewelry, other adornments such as an eagle feather, an eagle plume, a beaded cap, a stole, or similar objects of cultural and religious significance. Tribal regalia shall not include a firearm or any other weapon. Tribal regalia also does not include any object otherwise prohibited by federal law unless it is in compliance with a properly obtained federal permit.