

**GRADUATION EXERCISES**

The Board wishes to recognize the achievement of high school graduation by annually holding a graduation ceremony.

**Participation Criteria**

Only students who have completed all district graduation requirements shall participate in the ceremony. The Superintendent is authorized to make exceptions to this policy under the following circumstances:

1. A student who is within one semester credit of meeting graduation requirements at the end of the school year will be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremonies with his/her class if he/she has made arrangements to complete the credit. His/her diploma will be awarded when the requirement has been met.
2. A foreign exchange student, upon successful completion of the school year.
3. A special education student who is unable to meet graduation requirements but will receive a certificate of attendance or special education diploma.

Additional exceptions may be approved by the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent. Students allowed to participate in graduation as a result of one of these exceptions shall not be issued a diploma unless the student has met district graduation standards, and is attending district schools.

Participation in the graduation ceremony is a privilege not a right. Students who violate student conduct policies/regulations may be denied the privilege of participation in the ceremony at the principal’s or superintendent’s discretion.

**Graduation Speakers**

Student graduation speakers shall be selected based on class rankings, principal and counselor discretion. Student speakers shall have primary control over their speech, but must be approved by the counselor and/or principal.

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Complementing NDSBA Templates (may contain items not adopted by the Board)

- FF, Student Conduct & Discipline
- FFG, Student Assemblies

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