

PROMOTION AND GRADUATION EXERCISES

I. PROMOTION EXERCISES

Informal activities and promotion exercises may be held in the elementary and middle schools to recognize student achievement.

II. GRADUATION EXERCISES

Formal graduation exercises shall be permitted only for ~~twelfth-grade students~~ students who have achieved sufficient credits for graduation. The date of graduation shall be approved by the Superintendent/designee. Graduation exercises should be held as near to the last day of school as possible.

III. PARTICIPATION IN GRADUATION EXERCISES

Participation in graduation exercises is a privilege granted by the school. It is not a right possessed by students as a result of their having met the graduation requirements set out in School Board policy and the laws of the State of Florida. Students participating in high school graduation ceremonies shall have completed all credit requirements for graduation by the end of the senior academic year in which they are graduated, and must comply with the standards for participation established by the building principal. The building principal shall have the authority to establish standards for participation including a dress code for the event, requirements regarding participation in graduation practice, and other reasonable requirements. Students who are not in attendance at school due to suspension, other disciplinary action or commission of an offense leading to a referral for expulsion which is still in process, may be prohibited from attending graduation ceremonies.

CONDUCT AT GRADUATION CEREMONIES

Each student shall conduct himself in a manner appropriate to the occasion, respectful to his fellow classmates, school personnel, family and guests in attendance. Disrespectful or disruptive behavior such as that described in the Code of Student Conduct shall be grounds for removal from graduation ceremonies.

Parents and/or guests attending graduation ceremonies are also expected to act in a manner appropriate to the occasion. Disrespectful or disruptive behavior that interferes with or detracts from the dignity of the occasion, including but not limited to, the use of noisemakers, air horns and other disruptive devices or behaviors, shall be grounds for removal from graduation ceremonies.

Legal Authority:

Sections 1001.41(1)(2), 1001.49(3), Florida Statutes

Laws Implemented:

Sections 1003.02(1)(a), ~~1003.43~~ 1003.4281, 1003.4282, 1003.4285, 1003.4286, Florida Statutes

Rule 6A-1.095, Rule 6A-1.09441, Florida Administrative Code

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