

**Tumwater School District
Board Policy**

GRADUATION CEREMONIES AND ACTIVITIES

All students who fulfill all graduation requirements by the end of the last term of their senior year may participate in formal graduation ceremonies and activities.

Any student who has completed four years of high school attendance, is receiving special education or related services under an individualized education program pursuant to state and federal law, and who will continue to receive such services between the age of eighteen and twenty-one may participate in formal graduation ceremonies and related activities with his or her peers. Participation in formal graduation ceremonies under this section shall not:

1. preclude a student from continuing to receive special education and related services under an individualized education program beyond the graduation ceremony; or
2. be construed as the student's receipt of either a high school diploma under RCW 28A.230.120 or a certificate of individual achievement under RCW 28A.155.045.

A student shall be issued a diploma after completing the state and district requirements for graduation. Upon request, each graduating student shall receive a final transcript.

Graduation ceremonies will be conducted in the following manner:

1. Each participating student must take part in the graduation ceremony rehearsal. Each participating student will purchase or rent the proper cap and gown as designated by the school administration, the class advisor and class officers.
2. Caps and gowns will be worn in the proper manner as designated by the school administration and class advisor.
3. Students who participate will be expected to use good taste in their choice of accessories for their attire.
4. Each student who participates will be expected to cooperate with the class advisor and participate in all parts of the graduation ceremonies.
5. Failure to comply with the above requirements will automatically forfeit a student's privilege to participate in the graduation ceremonies.

The superintendent is authorized to develop and implement the necessary procedures for the administration of this policy.

Legal References: RCW 28A.230.120 High School Diplomas - Issuance
 RCW 28A.155.045 Certificate of Individual Achievement

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