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2 **RICHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**
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4 **COMMENCEMENT PARTICIPATION**
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7 **I. PURPOSE**
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9 The purpose of this policy is to set forth requirements for commencement
10 participation.
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12 **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**
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14 It is the policy of Richfield Public Schools that all students who participate in
15 commencement have completed the requirements for graduation. Except as
16 noted in Section III of this policy, no senior will be allowed to participate in the
17 commencement exercises of Richfield High School (RHS) unless all
18 qualifications are met for receiving a diploma as outlined in Board Policy 521:
19 Graduation Requirements.
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21 **III. COMMENCEMENT PARTICIPATION**
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23 Seniors meeting the requirements specified in Section II of this policy will be
24 eligible to participate in the commencement ceremony with the exception of
25 students who are ineligible to participate for disciplinary reasons that have been
26 reviewed by the Richfield High School principal and the superintendent.
27 Participating students will be required to wear the prescribed cap and gown.
28 Decoration of caps is allowed, provided the decorations adhere to Board Policy
29 547: Student Dress and Appearance. Modification or decoration of caps may be
30 reviewed and/or approved by the RHS administration prior to the
31 commencement ceremony.
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33 **IV. PARTICIPATION IN OTHER YEAR-END ACTIVITIES**
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35 Seniors who do not participate in commencement may still participate in all
36 other senior class year-end activities unless participation is denied for
37 appropriate reasons, which may include discipline. The decision for students
38 determined to be ineligible for other year-end activities will also undergo review
39 by the Richfield High School principal and the superintendent.
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42 ***Cross References:***

43 Board Policy 521: Graduation Requirements

44 Board Policy 547: Student Dress and Appearance
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