

Policy 5127: Graduation Ceremonies And Activities

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Eighth grade promotion ceremonies shall be held to recognize those students who have successfully completed the required course of study and have satisfied district standards. The Board of Trustees believes that these students deserve the privilege of a public celebration that recognizes the significance of their achievement and encourages them to continue the pursuit of learning throughout their lives.

Honors and Awards

The Superintendent or designee may identify other school-sponsored awards which may be given during promotion exercises. A separate awards program may be held to recognize promoting students receiving other school and nonschool awards.

The Superintendent or designee may require promoting students to wear ceremonial attire, such as ceremonial gowns, at the ceremony.

Academic Considerations

Students in the 8th grade will be considered eligible to participate in the intermediate school promotion ceremony when they have met the following criteria:

Students shall be eligible to participate in the promotion ceremony upon earning an overall 2.00 grade point average (GPA) in the 8th grade.

Students who do not meet the grade point average eligibility requirement may be eligible to participate in the promotion ceremony by demonstrating academic growth. This determination may include a review of progress, effort, and overall engagement in academic improvement. The school shall consider multiple measures and individual student context.

The district affirms that promotion participation is a celebration of each student's educational journey. No student shall be excluded from participation due to individualized learning needs, language development, or extraneous circumstances. The district shall ensure appropriate support and flexibility to uphold equitable and inclusive practices.

Disciplinary Considerations

In order to encourage high standards of student conduct and behavior, the principal may deny a student the privilege of participating in promotion ceremonies and/or activities in accordance with school rules, which provide for due process. Prior to denial of the privilege, the student, and where practicable his/her parent/guardian, shall be made aware of the grounds for such denial and shall be given an opportunity to respond.

Appeal Process

If a privilege is to be denied, the student and parent/guardian shall receive written notice of the denied privilege and the means whereby he/she may appeal the decision. Parents/guardians may exercise their rights to appeal the school's decision by contacting the Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, and if necessary, continuing their appeal to the Superintendent.

This policy is effective beginning with the incoming 8th grade class of the 2025-26 school year.
