

PARTICIPATION IN GRADUATION CEREMONIES

It is the policy of the Lyon County School District that all high school students who have earned an Adjusted Diploma, Standard Diploma, or Honors Diploma shall have the opportunity to participate in graduation ceremonies. In addition, students who have earned all appropriate credits, but have not passed examinations required by Nevada Revised Statute and the Nevada Department of Education, may participate in graduation ceremonies as a “ceremony participant” after meeting with their site principal.

The type of diploma each student receives, with the exception of those students who receive an Adjusted Diploma, must be clearly indicated in the ceremony program. Students who receive an Adjusted Diploma will be designated as having received a Standard Diploma in the program. Students not receiving a diploma will be designated as a “ceremony participant” in the program.

All state and district requirements must be met in order for a student to receive the appropriate diploma.

Students who receive an Adult High School Diploma will be awarded their diploma in a ceremony that is separate from the high school ceremony.

In order to honor the graduating seniors and protect the dignity of the graduation ceremony, dress and grooming standards will be developed and outlined in the administrative regulations. These standards will be communicated to all participating seniors at least two weeks prior to the graduation ceremony so that students and families can plan accordingly.

Reference: NRS 390.600 - 390.630

PARTICIPATION IN GRADUATION CEREMONIES – ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

LCSD policies apply to graduation ceremonies, including policies associated with proper dress, appropriate behavior, and prohibited activities.

LCSD graduation ceremonies are a formal and honorary occasion. Graduating students are expected to dress in appropriate attire for the graduation ceremony. Graduating students who earned honors (academic, military, school program/club, etc.) will be provided graduation regalia accessories to wear or display during the graduation ceremony.

LCSD also acknowledges that a graduation ceremony is an important milestone and recognizes that in some cultures and/or religions may request modest additions to a graduate's regalia. Students will be allowed to alter their graduation regalia by displaying modest cultural or religious accessories. Additionally, all students will be permitted to modestly decorate their graduation caps. Any accessories or decorations must meet the following criteria:

- The accessory/decoration is displayed in a respectful manner.
- The accessory/decoration does not distract from the dignity and purpose of the ceremony.
- The accessory/decoration does not violate LCSD dress code standards.
- The accessory/decoration does not violate any LCSD policy.
- The accessory/decoration receives prior approval from the parent/guardian and school principal/staff member appointed by the principal the day of the graduation ceremony.

If decorated or altered regalia does not meet the standards of approval by school administration, students will be given the opportunity to adjust or remove the issues to meet the standards. If a student is not able to adjust or remove the issue, or refuses, they will be provided with the opportunity to wear a blank graduation cap. Students refusing to comply altogether will be denied the opportunity to participate in the graduation ceremony.

NOTE: LCSD school officials are not liable for any lost, stolen, or damaged accessories and/or decorations.

In recognition of the graduates who have achieved academic distinction, a designated portion of the graduation ceremony will be reserved to honor and celebrate their accomplishments by having them stand during a special recognition moment.

References - LCSD Policies:

- JFCG Student Smoking
- JFJ Dress and Grooming Standards
- JG Student Discipline
- JFCC Safe and Respectful Learning Environment
- JFC Gang Activity or Association