NORTHSTAR online school

Washoe County School District's Online School

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Dear Seniors, Early Graduates, and Families,

As we prepare for our upcoming graduation ceremony, we want to ensure that this special occasion remains both memorable and respectful for all participants. To help everything run smoothly, please review the following guidelines regarding student attire as per Administrative Regulation 5128 under 3 a iii.

Students may decorate their caps making sure they are school-appropriate and should not obstruct views during the ceremony.

Cords, stoles, and other academic or extracurricular regalia may be worn if they have been officially issued or approved by the school. Cultural sashes, stoles, and leis are also welcome as a way to honor students' heritage and achievements.

The District reserves the right to prohibit any item of clothing or adornment that may be considered disruptive to the ceremony. Items that are lewd, obscene, dangerous, destructive, or that could cause a substantial disruption will not be permitted. If you have any questions about a particular item, please contact the school's administration.

Administrative Regulation 5128

3 a iii. Student Attire - Each school may adopt standardized student dress requirements for use during the graduation ceremony, in accordance with the District's dress code. These requirements are in no way an attempt to silence free expression but to create a productive, uninterrupted, and safe environment.

1) Cap and Gown

a. Each school shall select a single color for the cap and gown to be worn by students during the ceremony, generally one of the established school colors.

b. Schools may designate a specific cap and gown color to recognize students who have earned a significant academic achievement (e.g., Honors Diploma).

c. Cap and gown colors shall not be assigned by student gender or any other means which would tend to discriminate against one group of students.

2) Medals, cords, sashes, and/or similar type items of District/School-sponsored academic programs or organizations may be worn on the gown. All such items must be approved by the principal or his/her designee.

3) Caps may be decorated. Decorations cannot be lewd, obscene, vulgar, profane, contain hate speech, promote violence, promote the use of illicit drugs, or create a substantial disruption with the graduation ceremony, or any other form of unprotected speech.

4) The District reserves the right to insist any item of clothing that could be a potential disruption to the graduation ceremony by being lewd, obscene, dangerous, destructive, or causing a substantial disruption to the graduation ceremony will not be allowed.

5) The District recognizes all cultures and ethnic groups as being important to our society and is committed to creating and fostering an educational environment that respects the cultural diversity of the various communities within the District. The District does not seek to restrict or ban a student's

wearing of recognized religious clothing, with the exception of unprotected speech. Such items may be worn on the student's person but shall not interfere with or be a substantial disruption to the graduation ceremony.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping maintain a dignified and unified appearance for this important ceremony. If you have any questions or need clarification, please feel free to contact the school office.

We look forward to celebrating this achievement with you.

Sincerely,

Cristina Oronoz
Principal