



BCVS Senior Graduation Participation Policy

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish clear expectations and eligibility requirements for virtual school seniors who wish to participate in the official graduation ceremony. The ceremony is a formal event recognizing students who have completed all graduation requirements.

2. Eligibility to Participate

To participate in the graduation ceremony, virtual school students must:

1. Be officially classified as a senior in the virtual school program.
2. Complete all required coursework, credits, and assessments as required by the school district and state.
3. Resolve any outstanding academic obligations, including incomplete coursework.
4. Be in good standing regarding academic integrity and student conduct policies.
5. Resolve any outstanding debts to the Baker County School District.

Students who have not met graduation requirements by the deadline will not participate in the ceremony.

3. Academic Completion Deadline

All coursework, exams, and graduation requirements must be completed by the **graduation eligibility verification deadline** established by the school. This date will typically occur several weeks before the ceremony to allow time for final transcript verification.

4. Registration for Ceremony

Eligible virtual students must:

- Inform the BCVS Administrator if they will be participating or not in the graduation ceremony by the stated deadline.
- Confirm the correct spelling of their name for the diploma and ceremony program.
- Provide contact information for ceremony communications.

Failure to register by the deadline may result in exclusion from the ceremony.

5. Required Meetings and Rehearsal

Students participating in the ceremony may be required to:

- Attend a **mandatory graduation rehearsal** (in person).
- Review ceremony procedures and expectations.
- Receive instructions regarding attire, seating, and procession.

Students who fail to attend rehearsal without prior approval may not be permitted to participate.

6. Graduation Attire

Students must wear the official graduation attire approved by the school, which may include:

- Cap and gown ordered through the designated vendor.
- Appropriate dress attire beneath the gown.
- Approved cords, stoles, or honors designations as determined by the school.

Decorations or alterations to caps and gowns must comply with Baker County High School's published policies for that graduating class.

7. Conduct During the Ceremony

Graduation is a formal school event. Students are expected to:

- Follow all school and venue rules.
- Display respectful behavior toward staff, guests, and fellow graduates.
- Refrain from disruptive behavior such as excessive noise, use of props, or unauthorized items.

Students who violate conduct expectations may be removed from the ceremony.

8. Diploma Distribution

Diplomas will only be issued after the school confirms that all graduation requirements have been completed.

Students can not participate in graduation activities unless all graduation requirements are met.

Diplomas will be distributed from Baker County High School approximately three weeks after graduation.

9. Guests and Tickets

Guest attendance may be limited based on venue capacity. The school will communicate:

- Number of guest tickets allotted per student
- Ticket distribution procedures

- Ceremony entry guidelines

10. Accommodations

Students requiring accessibility accommodations should notify the school by the stated deadline so appropriate arrangements can be made.

11. Administrative Authority

School administration reserves the right to determine final eligibility for participation in the graduation ceremony and may make exceptions or adjustments as necessary.

12. Senior Participation

- **Award Ceremonies:** BCVS seniors are eligible to attend awards ceremonies if they are eligible for an award.
- **Baccalaureate:** BCVS students may participate in baccalaureate services.
- **Class Ranking:** BCVS students will not be ranked with the traditional brick-and-mortar students unless the student attended Baker County High School for at least seven consecutive semesters.
- **Field Trips:** BCVS students are ineligible to participate in field trips unless they are directly tied to a course they are taking on the Baker County High School campus.
- **Grad Bash:** Students must have a 2.0 GPA, no felony charges, no excessive or major disciplinary infractions (such as fighting, drug possession, or disrespect), and be on pace with all courses.
- **Graduate Seating:** BCVS students will be placed alphabetically within the regular graduate section if they do not receive a ranking from Baker County High School.
- **Pep rallies/PBIS Events:** BCVS students are not allowed to participate in pep rallies or PBIS activities.
- **Prom:** Students must not have any felony charges, no excessive or major disciplinary infractions (such as fighting, drug possession, or disrespect), and be on pace with all courses.
- **Yearbook:** Students will not be in the Baker County High School yearbook. Seniors may sit for their senior portrait if they wish, but it will not be published in the yearbook. Students may go to Cady & Cady for their own senior pictures.

BCVS students are not allowed to participate in the senior breakfast, senior walk, or fun day activities.

I have read and understand the guidelines regarding senior participation.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____