

Graduation Exercises

Because the Board of Education believes that completion of the requirements for a diploma is an achievement that deserves recognition, the Board wishes to recognize each graduating senior's accomplishment in a publicly-celebrated graduation exercise.

The high school shall plan the senior graduation exercises with the faculty and high school working together. Although senior class members may be asked to pay fees to defray graduation expenses, no student shall be barred from participating in the exercises because of inability to pay the fees. The graduating students shall be responsible to pay for personal graduation announcements, cap and gown, and the after graduation reception. The school will cover related graduation expenses.

The program for graduation exercises shall be secular in nature. The program shall not include any school-sponsored prayers or other religious activities.

Baccalaureate services

Groups composed of interested students and their families may plan and organize baccalaureate services that are religious in nature. However the school district shall not be identified, explicitly or implicitly, as sponsoring or endorsing such services. Attendance at such services shall be entirely voluntary with students and school personnel acting as private individuals.

School district funds including paid staff time shall not be used for baccalaureate services. Groups planning baccalaureate services use school facilities under the same terms, conditions and rates prescribed by the district for other comparable student activities.

CROSS REF.: KF, Community Use of School Facilities

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