

Graduation Exercises

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

High schools shall plan their own graduation exercises with the staff and senior class 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 these fees.

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 may rent and use school facilities under the terms, conditions and rates prescribed by the district.

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CROSS REFS.:

Board policies:

EL-5, Commitment to Accomplishment and Accountability

EL-6, Educational Program

EL-9, Treatment of Students, Parents and Community

Administrative policy:

KF, Community Use of School Facilities