

Graduation Exercises

Because the Board believes that completion of the requirements for a diploma, a modified diploma, extended diploma or an alternative certificate from the public schools is an achievement that improves the community as well as the individual, the Board wishes to recognize that achievement in a publicly celebrated graduation exercise.

Accordingly, appropriate graduation programs may be planned by the superintendent or designee on the date selected by the Board.

The district's valedictorian(s), salutatorian(s) or others at the discretion of the principal or designee may be permitted to speak as part of the district's planned graduation program. All speeches will be reviewed and approved in advance by the principal or designee.

All students in good standing who have successfully completed the requirements for a high school diploma, or qualify to receive or receives a modified diploma, an extended diploma, or alternate certificate, including a student participating in a district-sponsored alternative education program, a student with disabilities receiving a document certifying successful completion of program requirements or any qualifying student at the discretion of the superintendent shall have the option to participate in graduation exercises.

A student shall be allowed to wear a dress uniform issued to the student by a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces if the student:

1. Qualifies to receive a high school diploma, a modified diploma, an extended diploma or an alternative certificates; and
2. Has completed basic training for, and is an active member of, a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Graduating students will be allowed to wear Native American regalia or other items of cultural significance.

The superintendent will establish criteria as to which students may participate in the graduation exercise.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 329.451](#)
[ORS 332.107](#)
[ORS 339.505](#)
[ORS 343.295](#)

[OAR 581-021-0050](#)
[OAR 581-021-0055](#)
[OAR 581-021-0060](#)
[OAR 581-022-2000](#)

[OAR 581-022-2010](#)
[OAR 581-022-2015](#)
[OAR 581-022-2020](#)
[OAR 581-022-2505](#)

31 OR. ATTY. GEN. OP. 428 (1964)

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1683 (2018); Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance, 34 C.F.R. Part 106 (2020).

Kay v. David Douglas Sch. Dist. No. 40, 1987; *cert. den.*, 484 U.S. 1032 (1988). Hazelwood Sch. Dist. v. Kuhlmeier, 484 U.S. 260 (1988).

Doe v. Madison Sch. Dist. No. 321, 177 F.3d 789 (9th Cir. 1999). Lee v. Weisman, 505 U.S. 577 (1992)