

Students

Graduation Ceremonies and Activities

High school graduation ceremonies shall be held to recognize those students who have successfully completed the required course of study, passed all proficiency standards, and thereby earned the right to receive a diploma. The Board believes that these students deserve a public celebration that recognizes the significance of their achievement and encourages them to continue the pursuit of learning throughout their lives. (cf. 5125.2 - Withholding Grades, Diploma or Transcripts) (cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements/Standards of Proficiency)

Student participation in this ceremony shall be optional for students who qualify. Students who do not choose to participate in the graduation ceremony shall be given their diplomas upon completion of the curriculum and proficiency requirements. Those students completing their requirements at mid-year may participate in the June ceremony.

**Disciplinary Considerations**

While recognizing the importance of graduation ceremonies, the Board also desires to maintain high standards of student conduct and behavior. Graduation ceremonies are offered for students in good standing. The principal may deny the privilege of participating in these ceremonies in accordance with school rules which provide for due process. (cf. 5144 - Discipline)

Legal reference:

EDUCATION CODE

40014 Lease of personal property; caps and gowns

48904 Liability of parent or guardian; withholding of grades, diplomas, transcripts

51225.5 Honorary diplomas; foreign exchange students

51400-51403 Elementary school diploma

51410 Diplomas, no indication of intellectual classification

51411 Residence as condition for graduation

51412 Standards of proficiency

Sands v. Morongo Unified School District (1991) 53 Cal. 3d 863

Lemon v. Kurtzman (1971) 403 U.S. 602

Mifflin County School District v. Stewart (PA. Cmwlth. 1986) 503 A.2d 1012 30 Educ. L.R. 403

Fowler v. Board of Education of the Hickory Administrative School Unit (1978) 448 F. Supp. 497

Management Resources:

CDE PROGRAM ADVISORIES

0615.89 Granting credit for passing GED, SPB:88/89-11

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