

Policy
GRADUATION EXERCISES

Descriptor Code: IKFB

When students complete all graduation requirements, it is an achievement of not only the students, but also the community. The Board will recognize students in a public graduation ceremony that has as its purpose honoring and celebrating the graduates. The superintendent or designee will plan an appropriate ceremony on the date approved by the Board, with input from the students graduating. If appropriate, the district may hold more than one ceremony or recognition celebration.

Speakers at graduation ceremonies are subject to the provisions of policy INC.

Unless otherwise stated in this policy, students may only participate in graduation ceremonies if they have successfully completed all graduation requirements or the requirements to receive an alternative diploma or a certificate of attendance in accordance with Board policy. Students seeking to apply credits earned through other accredited schools, as defined in policy IKF, toward graduation requirements must provide the district with verified documentation of the completion of these courses ten working days prior to the graduation ceremony in order to participate in the ceremony. Any student who has otherwise met all requirements for graduation will be granted a diploma, regardless of whether he or she participates in graduation exercises.

Participation in the graduation ceremony is a privilege and not a right. A student must be in good standing with the district, as defined by the district, in order to participate in graduation exercises.

Elementary, middle and junior high schools may hold promotion exercises, but formal graduation programs will be reserved for students successfully exiting the district's education program.

Students Eligible for Services under the IDEA

Students eligible for services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) who will have completed four years of high school at the end of a school year may participate in the graduation ceremony and all related activities of the student's graduating class if:

1. The student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) prescribes special education, transition planning, transition services or related services beyond the student's four years of high school, and
2. The student's IEP team determines the student is making progress toward the completion of the IEP and that participation in the graduation ceremony is appropriate.

The student and the student's parent/guardian will be provided written notice of this policy at the annual IEP meeting prior to or during the student's fourth year of high school.

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Note: The reader is encouraged to check the index located at the beginning of this section for other pertinent policies and to review administrative procedures and/or forms for related information.

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State Reference

§162.1125, RSMo.
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[State Statute](#)
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Policy Reference

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[ASSIGNMENT OF STUDENTS TO GRADE
LEVELS/CLASSES](#)
[STUDENT DISCIPLINE](#)
[VISITORS TO DISTRICT PROPERTY/EVENTS](#)

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

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