

**Graduation  
Ceremony  
Participation**

To be eligible to participate in commencement activities and ceremonies, a student shall:

1. Meet all state and local graduation requirements, including all applicable state testing [see EI, EIF];

Three-year graduates who have met all state and local graduation requirements but who have not received all initial state testing results prior to the first District-scheduled spring graduation ceremonies may participate in commencement activities and ceremonies. The diploma shall be awarded upon successful completion of all state and local graduation requirements, including all applicable state testing;

2. Comply with the Student Code of Conduct and be in good standing in that respect;
3. Meet all financial commitments to the school;
4. Comply with the grooming code for students as well as any additional dress requirements established by the principal for the graduation ceremony; and
5. Resolve any appeal related to loss of credit if that credit is required for graduation.

A senior student who has not met the District's requirements for graduation, including all applicable state testing, shall be given the opportunity, after both requirements have been met, to participate in the next scheduled graduation exercises.

A student with a disability who has not met individualized education program (IEP) requirements, but has completed four years of high school coursework, shall be allowed to participate in commencement exercises. The student may receive a certificate of attendance and, upon meeting IEP requirements and/or aging out, the student shall be granted the regular high school diploma. [See FMH(LEGAL)]

**Summer Graduation**

A combined (high school) graduation ceremony may be provided for those students completing graduation requirements during the summer term after the spring graduation exercises for that school year only. Those students may not participate in a subsequent graduation exercise.

**Rehearsals**

All students planning to participate in graduation exercises, except those excused by the principal, shall be required to attend all rehearsals for the exercises.

Because graduation ceremonies are school-sponsored activities, all participants shall be expected to adhere to the District's Board-

**Behavioral  
Expectations**

approved Student Code of Conduct. Any student who exhibits inappropriate and/or disruptive behavior during any part of the graduation exercises may be removed from the ceremony and the facility and shall be disciplined in an appropriate manner.

**Attire**

Graduating seniors participating in the ceremonies shall be required to wear a graduation robe as approved by the principal.

Attire that detracts from the seriousness of the ceremony shall not be permitted.

**Diplomas**

Diplomas shall be delivered at the convenience of the schools and when Board requirements are met. Diploma covers shall be delivered at the graduation ceremony. Time of delivery shall be announced at the graduation practice and posted at an easily accessible location at each individual high school.

Diploma Delivery

The District confers diplomas, and these diplomas shall be presented by representatives of the District.

**Graduation  
Addresses**

A student shall not be allowed a speaking role of any kind or be eligible to deliver a speech during graduation ceremonies, including prohibitions on being declared valedictorian or salutatorian as indicated at EIC(LOCAL), if he or she has been disciplined for academic dishonesty under the Secondary Honor Code or other serious violation of the Student Code of Conduct during the four semesters preceding graduation. The salutatory address shall be given at the beginning of the graduation ceremony, and the valedictory address shall be the main address at the graduation ceremony.

**Recognition**

A student who has been disciplined for academic dishonesty under the Secondary Honor Code or other serious violation of the Student Code of Conduct during the four semesters preceding graduation shall not be permitted to be seated on stage during graduation ceremonies.

The Board may recognize the top ten graduates at the graduation ceremony.

**Early Graduates**

Students who graduate at midterm or through an early college admission program shall be allowed to participate in graduation exercises at the end of the school year. The high school diplomas for these graduates shall be mailed.

**Board Member  
Privilege**

Any current or former member of the Board may present the graduation diploma to his or her son or daughter at any District graduation ceremony.

**Residence  
Requirement**

Seniors who do not complete the last semester's work in the District's senior high schools, but who wish to receive a diploma from the District, shall have prior approval from the Superintendent or designee.