

GRADUATION CEREMONIES AND ACTIVITIES

High school graduation ceremonies shall be held to recognize those students who have successfully completed the District graduation requirements and earned the right to receive a diploma. Students who have met the District graduation requirements, ~~but have not completed a college assessment (as defined in AS 14.03.075)~~ may participate in graduation exercises and receive a certificate of achievement.

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

In accordance with BP 5144 Discipline and published school-site rules, the Principal may deny a student the privilege of participating in graduation or promotion activities because of misconduct.

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES

14.03.075 Secondary pupil competency testing

14.03.090 Sectarian or denominational doctrines prohibited

Elementary and Secondary Education Act, 20 U.S.C. & 9524, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, P.L. 107-110

Santa Fe Indep. Sch. Dist. V. Doe, 530 U.S. 290 (2000)

Lee-v. Weisman, Op. No. 90-1014, U.S. Supreme Court (1992)

Commented [NB1]: June 5 – Community Service requirement, should be in all schools or at no schools
DC – should be concerned with education kids, not keeping building opens.
ST – hits home with building principals, something for further discussion
JK – large concern on how many students were actually impacted. Looking for informal survey.
ST – how many Connections students want to participate at brick and mortar school?
DC – what about the Alt school?
JOB – discussion with students/parents on best for student
DC – not offering bussing to different high schools 1/9/18
DanC students can participate in athletics but then denied graduation participation. KPBSD students should be allowed to graduate with school in which they participated in sports. “shall not be prevented” from participating in that school’s graduation. Grad requirements should be consistent district wide (e.g. grade of D does not earn credit; student can’t graduate). Have an honors diploma for stricter requirement? Has anyone been refused graduation for lack of community service completion.
ST suggested including other principals in the conversation, most feel they need to have been in the school’s classroom and culture in order to walk “across their stage with their robe.” Principals are more accepting of Connections students than in the past. Likes DJ’s policy revision idea, the board decides.
JT agrees with ST. Students will rise to higher standards.
DJ individual schools may require a higher standard, if the board approves it. Maybe include an exhibit that indicates Homer’s plan.
JO transfer students work with guidance counselors. Homer has highest grad rate in district. Never have been sued or had an issue. Diplomas are individually designed by each school. E.g. Connections student should not get a red KCHS diploma.
ST feels punitive is Kenai Alt student not allowed at KCHS because they did not succeed at KCHS. Sometimes Connections is a better match for student. Has student made a contribution to the school?
JT majority of credits earned qualifies student to walk with that school.
DanC might not always work to go by majority of credits.

Commented [DT2]: 1/9/18 Foreign exchange students are allowed to participate in ceremony. Mr. Pothast