

BP 5127

## 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.~~

~~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.~~

The Board recognizes the importance of a Graduation Ceremony as the capstone of a student's education. The Ceremony is of equal importance to the community as to the graduate as it celebrates the successes of both. Because of this, the administration shall always defer to what is best for the individual student and their family.

Students who have completed the District graduation requirements shall be permitted to participate in a single graduation ceremony of their choosing. Students who have not met the graduation requirements may still participate and receive a certificate of achievement at the conclusion of their fourth year of high school.

No student may be denied the opportunity to participate in a graduation ceremony based on local school requirements or policies. The only disciplinary actions that are permitted to exclude a student from a graduation ceremony must rise to the same level as a 10 day suspension. The 10 day suspension must be in effect at the time of the ceremony, and the student must have had an opportunity to complete the formal hearing and appeals process, or the exclusion shall not stand.

Foreign exchange high school students, upon completion of their exchange, may also participate in a single graduation ceremony of their choosing, regardless of level of school completed. If they are ineligible to receive a diploma, a certificate of achievement will be provided instead.