

Graduation Exercises

Because the Board believes that completion of the requirements for a diploma, a modified diploma, extended diploma or alternative certificate from the public schools is an achievement that improves the community as well as the individual, the Board wishes to recognize that achievement in a publicly celebrated graduation exercise.

Accordingly, appropriate graduation programs may be planned by high school administration in consultation with senior class officers and advisors for the graduation date selected by the Board.

The district's valedictorian(s), salutatorian(s) or others at the discretion of the principal or designee may be permitted to speak as part of the district's planned graduation program. All speeches will be reviewed and approved in advance by the principal or designee.

Only students who have successfully completed the district requirements for a high school diploma, a certificate of accomplishment, a modified diploma, an extended diploma, an alternate certificate, or an honorary diploma may participate in the graduation ceremony unless students are working under an approved delayed graduation plan.

To participate in the district graduation ceremony a student must have been enrolled in the district for a minimum of the last 30 calendar days of the final semester necessary to complete the district requirements or gained the final necessary credits through a district designated alternative program.

Students must be in good behavioral conduct standing with the district to participate in the graduation ceremony.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 329.035](#)
[ORS 329.451](#)
[ORS 329.465](#)
[ORS 332.105](#)
[ORS 332.107](#)
[ORS 332.114](#)
[ORS 339.115](#)
[ORS 339.505](#)
[ORS 343.295](#)

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[OAR 581-022-1130](#)
[OAR 581-022-1350](#)

31 OR. ATTY. GEN. OP. 428 (1964)

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1683 (2006); Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance, 34 C.F.R. Part 106 (2006).

Kay v. David Douglas Sch. Dist. No. 40, 1987); *cert. den.*, 484 U.S. 1032 (1988).

Doe v. Madison Sch. Dist. No. 321, 177 F.3d 789 (9th Cir. 1999).

Lee v. Weisman, 505 U.S. 577 (1992).