

Graduation Exercises

Because the Board of Education believes that completion of the requirements for a diploma is an achievement that deserves recognition, the Board wishes to recognize each graduating senior's accomplishment in a publicly-celebrated graduation exercise.

Only those who have completed all graduation requirements and who are graduating from Monte Vista High School or the Byron Syring DELTA Center will be eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Graduates desiring to participate in the graduation ceremony will be required to observe the standards of dress outlined by school officials. Participation in the graduation ceremony is a privilege, not a right. Therefore, students who fail to measure up to applicable conduct standards may be denied the right to participate in graduation ceremonies. These students would be presented their diplomas in private settings.

Schools shall plan their own graduation exercises with the staff and senior class working together. Although senior class members may be asked to pay fees to defray graduation expenses, no student shall be barred from participating in the exercises because of inability to pay the fees.

The program for graduation exercises shall be secular in nature. The program shall not include any school-sponsored prayers or other religious activities.

Baccalaureate services

Groups composed of interested students and their families may plan and organize baccalaureate services that are religious in nature. However, the school district shall not be identified, explicitly or implicitly, as sponsoring or endorsing such services. Attendance at such services shall be entirely voluntary with students and school personnel acting as private individuals.

School district funds, including paid staff time, shall not be used for baccalaureate services. Groups planning baccalaureate services may rent and use school facilities under the terms, conditions and rates prescribed by the district.

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