

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.

~~High schools shall plan their own graduation exercises with the school administration, faculty, and senior class of each high school shall working work together to plan their school's graduation exercises. Any student participating in a graduation exercise or ceremony shall comply with district policies and regulations pertaining to student conduct, including Policy JICA, Student Dress Code.~~ 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~~ 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 terms, conditions and rates prescribed by the district.

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LEGAL REFS.: 20 U.S.C. 7904 (~~No Child Left Behind Act of 2001~~ Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) – school prayer)

Constitution of Colorado, Article II, § 4 (*religious freedom*)
C.R.S. 22-1-120 (*rights of free expression for public school students*)

CROSS REF.: JIC and subcodes, Student Conduct
JICA, Student Dress Code
_____KF, Community Use of School Facilities

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