

## GRADUATION EXERCISES

Because the Board believes that completion of the requirements for a diploma 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.

Accordingly, appropriate graduation programs will be planned by the senior high schools on dates selected by the administration.

Pupils may participate in the commencement exercises if they have successfully completed requirements for graduation. Students on track for a certificate of completion and meet the requirements thereof will also be allowed to participate in commencement exercises.

Recognizing the cultural benefits of such an experience, a foreign exchange student who is considered to be a member of the senior class will be allowed to participate in the graduation exercises.

Participation by graduating seniors in the baccalaureate or commencement exercises is encouraged but not compulsory. However, since these exercises require planning and rehearsal, and the rehearsals are held during school hours, it is expected that pupils who wish to participate in the exercises be present at the rehearsals.

Suitable culminating activities may be prepared by each principal and his staff to mark the close of the school year for other levels of the school system, but these may not be in the nature of formal graduation exercises. The following terminal exercises are suggested.

1. A recognition or class day program.
2. A short unrehearsed program during school time, preferably the last week of school.
3. A social affair such as a reception.

SEE ALSO: JECBA

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