

Graduation Ceremony Participation

Participation in the graduation ceremony shall be restricted to those students successfully completing all graduation requirements set by the Dallas School District and by the State of Oregon including meeting the essential skills requirements. These requirements are distributed each year to students, parents/legal guardians through the high school planning guide and the student handbook. Students who have successfully completed the requirements for a diploma, a modified diploma, extended diploma, or alternative certificate will be eligible for participation in the graduation ceremony.

Exceptions to this Administrative Regulation

When the lack of credit or incomplete grades are the result of a documented unusual event occurring within the last nine-week period of the senior year:

1. An otherwise qualified senior student within one credit of meeting the credit requirement may be allowed to participate in the Dallas High School graduation ceremony if he/she provides evidence of enrollment in the equivalent course through an acceptable extension program or an off-campus summer program which would fulfill that requirement upon successful completion of the course.
2. An otherwise qualified senior student with one or two incomplete grades may be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony if he/she has made specific arrangements to make-up the incompletes within two weeks of the graduation date.
3. An agreement made to complete the identified work shall be signed by the parent/legal guardian, student and principal. These arrangements and the written agreement must be completed at least one full week before the graduation date.

No exceptions will be made to allow a student eligible for a regular high school diploma to participate in graduation ceremonies if they have not met the "essential skills" proficiency as outlined by board policy.

Students who have successfully completed alternative programs of study which lead to a high school diploma or that can document being within one credit of completion may be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony at Dallas High School. Students must provide evidence of a completion plan through an acceptable extension program or off-campus summer program which would fulfill those requirements.

In the case of a student enrolled at DHS/Morrison Campus, an otherwise qualified senior student within two credits of meeting the credit requirement may be allowed to participate in the Morrison Campus graduation ceremony if he/she provides evidence of a completion plan. The plan must be completed through an acceptable extension program, off-campus summer program, or continued attendance at

Morrison Campus which would fulfill those requirements within the first two sessions of the next school year.

Students who move out of the district during their senior year because of parent/legal guardian's relocation, may still participate in the graduation ceremony providing they:

1. Show evidence of Dallas School District graduation requirements being met through the new resident school. They would be eligible to receive a Dallas High School diploma.
2. Show evidence of completing the new resident school's graduation requirements. They would receive the new resident school's diploma.