

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 exercise.

Accordingly, appropriate graduation programs may be planned by the high school principals on the date approved by the district. Students may be provided an opportunity to participate in the planning and conduct of the graduation program. However, final plans shall be subject to approval of the building principal.

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

All students in good standing who have successfully completed the requirements for a high school diploma, or a modified diploma, may participate in graduation exercises.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 329.451](#)
[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](#)

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[OAR 581-022-1134](#)
[OAR 581-022-1135](#)
[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).