

Vernonia School District 47J

Code: **IKFB**
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Graduation Exercises

Because the Board believes that completion of the requirements for a diploma, a modified diploma, extended diploma or alternative certificate 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.

Appropriate graduation programs may be planned by the high school principal.

The district'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.

Participation in the graduation ceremony is a privilege reserved for those students in good standing who will complete graduation requirements. Participation is based on the following:

1. At least 22 credits completed by the end of the seventh semester;
2. Enrollment in and satisfactory progress of remaining requirements during the eighth semester;
3. Students who do not meet the 22 credit minimum, but complete credits through approved correspondence courses or other independent study during the eighth semester, may petition to participate in the graduation ceremony. The principal will only consider petitions in which recovery courses have been completed. Petition forms are available in the office.

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](#)
[OAR 581-021-0071](#)
[OAR 581-022-1130](#)

[OAR 581-022-1133](#)
[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).

Cross Reference(s):

IKC - Class Rankings