

Willamina School District 30J

Code: **IKFB**
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Orig. Code(s): IKFB

Graduation Exercises

(Allows student/initiated, student-led prayer at graduation)

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.

At the discretion of the building principal or designee, the district's valedictorian(s), salutatorian(s) or others, who have been selected on the basis of neutral, secular criteria, may be permitted to speak as part of the graduation program. Student speeches shall be subject to district review and approval. Accordingly, the content of such speeches may include an address, poem, reading, song, musical presentation, prayer or other religious-related pronouncement as deemed appropriate by the student.

Graduation programs may include the following disclaimer:

Any presentation by participants of graduation exercises is the private expression of the individual participants and does not necessarily reflect any official position of the district, its Board, administration or employees or indicate the views of any other graduate.

All students in good standing who have successfully completed the requirements for a senior high school diploma, including a modified diploma or state 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](#)
[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