



Code: IKFB
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Graduation Exercises

{For public charter schools which provide services to grades 9-12}

The Board believes that completion of the requirements for a diploma, a modified diploma, an extended diploma or a certificate of attendance from the public charter school is an achievement that improves the community as well as the individual, the Board wishes to recognize this achievement in a publicly, celebrated graduation exercise.

The graduation ceremony will be planned by the administrator with input from students and parents and held on a date, place and time selected by the Board.

The public charter school’s valedictorian(s), salutatorian(s) or others, at the discretion of the public charter school administrator, may be permitted to speak as part of the school’s planned graduation program. All speeches will be reviewed and approved in advance by the administrator.

All students in good standing^[1] who have successfully completed the requirements for a high school diploma, or qualify to receive or receive a modified diploma, an extended diploma or a certificate of attendance, including students with disabilities receiving a document certifying successful completion of program requirements, shall have the option to participate in graduation exercises.

A student shall be allowed to wear a dress uniform issued to the student by a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces if the student:

1. Qualifies to receive a high school diploma, a modified diploma, an extended diploma or a certificate of attendance; and
2. Has completed basic training for, and is an active member of, a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Graduating students will be allowed to wear ²“Native American items of cultural significance.”

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 329.451](#)

[ORS 332.112](#)

[ORS 338.115\(2\)](#)

¹ A student may be denied participation in graduation exercises for conduct that violates board policy, administrative regulation and/or code of conduct provisions.

² “Native American items of cultural significance” means items or objects that are traditionally associated with a Native American or that have religious or cultural significance to a Native American.

[ORS 339.505](#)
[ORS 659.850](#)
[OAR 581-021-0050](#)

[OAR 581-021-0055](#)
[OAR 581-021-0060](#)
[OAR 581-022-2000](#)

[OAR 581-022-2010](#)
[OAR 581-022-2015](#)
[OAR 581-022-2020](#)

31 OR. ATTY. GEN. OP. 428 (1964)

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1683 (2018); Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance, 34 C.F.R. Part 106 (2020).

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).

Hazelwood Sch. Dist. v. Kuhlmeier, 484 U.S. 260 (1988).