

## **Graduation Exercises**

The Board of Education believes that completion of the requirements for a diploma is an achievement that deserves recognition. The Board wishes to recognize each graduating senior's accomplishment in a publicly-celebrated graduation exercise.

High schools shall plan their own graduation exercises with the faculty and senior class working together. Although senior class members may be asked to pay fees to defray graduation expenses, no student shall be barred from participating in the exercises because of inability to pay the fees. The student must be considered to be in good standing in order to participate in the graduation ceremony.

The program for graduation exercises shall be secular in nature. The program shall not include any school-sponsored prayers or other religious activities.

Adopted: prior to 1992

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LEGAL REFS.: Constitution of Colorado, Article II, § 4 (*religious freedom*)  
20 U.S.C. 7904 (*No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*)  
C.R.S. 22-1-120 (*rights of free expression for public school students*)

CROSS REF.: KF, Community Use of School Facilities