

Policy #: 345.62

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEBSTER

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Policy Title: Graduation Ceremonies

Participation in District graduation ceremonies is deemed by the School Board as an earned honor rather than a right. In order to receive this honor, a student must have fulfilled all requirements for graduation as specified in Board policy. Exceptions may be granted by the High School Principal if:

1. The student was enrolled, during the second semester, in courses that would have fulfilled all credit requirements for graduation but did not pass all of these courses. In this case, the student must provide acceptable evidence of enrollment in summer school or other educational programming (e.g., online courses) that would provide for the completion of graduation credit requirements prior to the start of the following school year.
2. Extenuating circumstances (exclusive of lack of effort) existed that prevented the student from successfully completing course work necessary for graduation.

A student shall not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony if the student has been suspended from school for the period of time in which the graduation ceremony is held.

A student who has a financial obligation (to include texts and materials not returned, etc.) will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony unless the obligation has been met prior to the ceremony.

All students participating in the graduation ceremony will adhere to dress and conduct standards as outlined by high school administration. Any exceptions to the dress standards must be pre-approved by the High School Principal. Reasonable accommodations may be made based on a student's sincerely held religious beliefs or cultural traditions. For example, the High School Principal may allow American Indian students to wear an eagle feather consistent with tribal religious beliefs and traditions.

Legal References:

Wisconsin Statutes

[Section 118.13](#) [student nondiscrimination]

[Section 118.33\(1\)](#) [high school graduation requirements]

Wisconsin Administrative Code

[PI 9](#) [student nondiscrimination, including the handling of complaints and appeals]

[PI 18](#) [high school graduation requirements]

[PI 41](#) [accommodating a student's religious beliefs]

Federal Laws

[Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964](#) [nondiscrimination on basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin]