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PARTICIPATION IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY

The District believes that participation in the graduation ceremony should be an honest reflection of the work accomplished. Therefore, students must meet the established credit requirements in order to qualify for graduation and to participate in the graduation ceremony.

This policy strives to provide these four benefits:

- Motivate students to earn credits for graduation rather than just "putting in time" as disinterested non-achievers.
- Make the privilege of the graduation ceremony reflect a celebration of the achievement of academic accomplishments rather than an acknowledgment of attendance for those credit-deficient seniors.
- Make honest allowances for the inclusion of those students who have truly tried to achieve and have fallen just short of the required credits needed to participate in the graduation ceremony.
- Provide a yearly safeguard to keep students on a credit attainment schedule to reduce unexpected disappointments for the parents or guardians of credit- deficient seniors.

Determination of a student's qualification to participate in the graduation ceremony shall be made in accordance with established procedures.

CROSS REFERENCE: 345.31-Rule, Guidelines for Determining Eligibility to Participate in the Graduation Ceremony 345.3, Graduation Requirements

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