

## **BP 5127 GRADUATION CEREMONIES AND ACTIVITIES**

High school graduation ceremonies shall be held to recognize those students who have successfully completed the district graduation requirements and earned the right to receive a diploma or a certificate of completion. Students earning a certificate of attendance may also participate in graduation ceremonies.

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

(cf. 6146.5 - Differential Requirements for Individuals with Exceptional Needs)

At the discretion of the Superintendent or designee, a student who is no more than credits short of fulfilling district credit requirements may participate in graduation exercises without receiving his/her diploma. When the required credits have been earned, a diploma shall be sent to the student by mail.

In accordance with school-site rules, the principal may deny a student the privilege of participating in graduation or promotion activities because of misconduct.

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

School-sponsored invocations and/or benedictions shall not be included in graduation ceremonies.

### *Legal Reference:*

#### *ALASKA STATUTES*

*14.03.075 College and Career readiness assessment; retroactive issuance of diploma*

*14.03.090 Sectarian or denominational doctrines prohibited*

#### *UNITED STATES CODE*

*Elementary and Secondary Education Act, 20 U.S.C. § 9524, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, P.L. 107-110*

*Santa Fe Indep. Sch. Dist. v. Doe, 530 U.S. 290 (2000) Lee v. Weisman, 505 U.S. 577 (1992)*

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