

MEDFORD AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Medford Area Public School District (MAPSD) senior high school commencement exercises are an integral part of the culminating activities surrounding successful completion of grades 9-12. MAPSD policy is to have high school commencement exercises with the following guidelines:

- Students are eligible to participate in the commencement exercise when they have met MAPSD graduation requirements. Parent(s)/guardian(s) and/or adult students will be informed, in writing, during the second semester of their senior year, as to the student's eligibility to participate in the commencement exercise.
- The Individual Education Program (IEP) team is responsible for determining whether a student has completed a course of study that makes them eligible to receive a diploma. Students meet graduation requirements when they complete a standard or modified course of study and/or IEP transition goals. Even if the student with disabilities will continue their education program until the end of the school year in which they reach age 21, the IEP team may recommend that the student would benefit from participation in commencement exercises with peers after four years of high school. Students will participate in commencement exercises only one time. They will not receive a signed diploma until the standard or modified course of study and/or the IEP transition goals have been completed.
- Students who are within one credit of graduation may participate in the commencement exercise provided plans are made to earn the one credit following the commencement exercise. A diploma will only be issued after all requirements are met.
- Students will participate in an RVA commencement exercise only one time. Participation is not a requirement. Students graduating early will be allowed to participate in the next commencement exercise after graduation.
- Foreign Exchange Students that have been here for the full academic senior year will be recognized at commencement exercises as a special guest with administrative approval.
- No student may be under the influence of or distribute alcohol or controlled substances on any school premises or when involved in commencement exercises. Students who violate this provision shall be prohibited from participating in or attending commencement exercise.
- Appropriate dress for commencement exercises will be determined by the high school administration.

CROSS REFERENCE: JFCG, JFCH, JFCHA, JFCJ, JFCN, KKA, RVA-IKFB

LEGAL REFERENCE: