

MEDFORD AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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It will be the policy of the Medford Area Public School Board to have high school commencement exercises with the following guidelines:

1. Students are eligible to participate in the commencement exercise when they have met the graduation requirements of the Medford Area Public School District. Parent(s)/guardian(s) and/or adult students will be informed, in writing, during the second semester of his or her senior year, as to the student's eligibility to participate in the commencement exercise.
2. The senior high school commencement exercises are an integral part of the culminating activities surrounding successful completion of grades 9-12.
3. Students who are within one (1) credit of graduation may participate in the commencement ceremony provided plans are made to earn the one credit following the commencement ceremony. A diploma will only be issued after all requirements are met.
4. 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.
5. The Individual Education Program (IEP) team is responsible for determining whether a student has completed a course of study that makes him/her 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 his/her education program until the end of the school year in which he/she reaches age 21, the IEP team may recommend that the student would benefit from participation in commencement exercises (graduation ceremony) 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.
6. Appropriate dress for commencement exercises will be determined by the high school administration.
7. 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.

CROSS REFERENCE: JFCG, JFCH, JFCHA, JFCJ, JFCN, & KKA
LEGAL REFERENCE: