

**SERIES 300
INSTRUCTION**

345.62

GRADUATION CEREMONY

The completion of the requirements for a high school diploma is an achievement that improves the community as well as the individual. The Board of Education wishes to recognize that achievement through a publicly celebrated graduation ceremony.

Except as otherwise provided, only those students who have met the district's graduation requirements may participate in the high school graduation ceremony. Students who have not met the district's graduation requirements may participate in the graduation ceremony as follows:

1. A student may participate in the graduation ceremony if he/she has been involved in a serious accident or has had a prolonged illness. The student must have been maintaining a passing scholastic record prior to the accident or illness. A recommendation to allow the student to participate must be made to the Superintendent by the class advisors, High School Guidance Counselor and High School Principal. The student's diploma, however, shall be withheld until the student satisfies the district's graduation requirements.
2. Additional exceptions may be approved by the Board in extenuating circumstances on a case-by-case basis. The student's diploma, however, shall be withheld until the student satisfies the district's graduation requirements.
3. Foreign exchange students may be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremonies and be presented a certificate of attendance.
4. Residents attending other high schools under Open Enrollment or in home-school programs shall not participate in graduation ceremonies.
5. Students may be denied participation in graduation ceremonies for school-related disciplinary reasons or for failure to meet fiscal obligations to the district.

In all cases, the high school principal shall provide notice to the student, parent(s), to guardian(s) of any sanctions and conditions relative to participation in the graduation ceremonies.

Legal References: Section 118.33 Wisconsin Statutes
 PI 18, Wisconsin Administrative Code
Cross Reference: 345.5, High School Graduation Requirements

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