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## **Graduation Activities**

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Students who have met all graduation requirements on the day of graduation and students who are within two (2) or fewer credits of meeting all requirements<sup>1</sup> and can complete the requirements during the summer may participate in graduation activities. If extenuating circumstances exist at any school, the matter shall be presented to the Board prior to graduation activities.

Students are expected to participate in all graduation activities. Graduation apparel shall be determined by the administration of each school and shall be the personal expense of each student, except for students who are eligible to receive free or reduced price lunches.<sup>2</sup> In such cases, the school shall assume responsibility for payment of fees, provided, however, that the school shall not be responsible for the expenses of graduation apparel if it consists only of the student's personal clothing. All other graduation expenses shall be the responsibility of the Board.

Graduation ceremonies shall be physically accessible to all students, their parents and/or guardians, and other interested citizens.<sup>3</sup>

There shall be no sponsorship of a baccalaureate service or other activity which is religious in nature by the Board or its employees, and no school funds, including paid staff time, will be used for such activities.<sup>4</sup>

## **GRADUATION CEREMONIES**

It is the policy of the Board that the graduation ceremonies among the several secondary schools of Marion County shall be conducted on different dates of each year, thus allowing any citizen to attend all such ceremonies occurring in the said county.

1. The priority position for the date of graduation ceremonies shall be rotated between the several secondary schools of Marion County. Rotation position shall be determined by draw before September 10, 1991, and shall continue without interruption.
2. A record of the priority position shall be maintained in the offices of the director of schools and the principals of the several secondary schools of Marion County.
3. Graduation ceremonies shall be held on three (3) nights. The director of schools shall approve the dates set by the principals.
4. Principals shall ensure that students graduating with distinction and state honors are recognized at graduation.<sup>5</sup>

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### Legal References:

1. TCA 49-6-405

2. TCA 49-2-114

3. 28 CFR § 36.201-2

4. *Lee v. Weisman*, 505 U.S. 112 S. Ct. 2649, 120 L. Ed. 2d 467 (1992).

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### Cross References:

Section 504/ADA Grievance Procedures 1.802

Student Fees and Fines 6.709