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EXERCISES

A student who has satisfactorily completed all coursework requirements for graduation ~~and the community service requirement, as provided below~~, but has failed to meet applicable state testing requirements shall be allowed to participate in commencement activities and ceremonies if he or she signs a summer performance contract prepared by the District. [See EI, EIF]

COMMUNITY  
SERVICE  
REQUIREMENT

~~Effective as of the 2014-15 school year, in addition to the requirements above, a student must have completed the equivalent to at least 15 hours of community service each semester while enrolled in a District high school.~~

~~The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative regulations that shall permit an exception to the community service requirement for a student due to the student's extenuating circumstances.~~

~~Such a student shall only be permitted to participate in one graduation ceremony and shall receive a diploma only after meeting all applicable graduation requirements.~~

CONDUCT

A senior who is eligible to participate in commencement activities, commencement ceremonies, and Project Graduation may not be excluded unless he or she has committed an offense that violates the Student Code of Conduct.

Any disciplinary action not addressed in the Student Code of Conduct that, when imposed on a senior student, would prevent the student's participation in the graduation ceremony may be appealed immediately to the Superintendent or designee. [See FNG(LOCAL)]

CAP AND GOWN

All seniors participating in graduation exercises shall wear caps and gowns in colors and designs approved for their respective campuses. However, a graduating senior who is already a member of any branch of the military services shall have his or her active status as a member of the Armed Forces (including Reserves and National Guard) recognized at graduation exercises if the student:

1. Possesses a valid United States Armed Forces Common Access Card (CAC); and
2. Submits a request in writing no later than 60 days prior to graduation to receive this recognition.

The District's ROTC program shall develop a suitable ceremony to be performed by these students in uniform in conjunction with the posting of the national colors that allows for such recognition.

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At the conclusion of this recognition ceremony, the graduating senior must change out of his or her uniform into the appropriate cap and gown, be seated, and then walk to the stage with his or her peers in caps and gowns to receive his or her diploma.

[For information on student speakers at graduation ceremonies, see FNA(LOCAL)]

BACCALAUREATE  
SERVICE

Formal religious services shall not be sponsored by the District either on or off school properties. It remains within the province of individual churches and synagogues or groups of churches and synagogues to conduct such services at their own discretion within their own houses of worship or other places. Upon the occasion of the baccalaureate service, all of the religious denominations shall be encouraged to arrange such formal religious services, as they shall determine how to commemorate the importance of high school graduation to their members and friends.