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PROPOSED REVISIONS

Commencement Exercises

A student who has satisfactorily completed all coursework requirements for graduation, 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]

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: 0)

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

The District's ROTG 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.

At the conclusion of this recognition ceremony, the graduating senior shall 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

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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.