

DANBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Danbury, Connecticut

POLICY

GRADUATION EXERCISES

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The Board of Education believes that high school graduation exercises are an integral part of the activities surrounding the successful completion of the requirements for graduation. It is aware, also, that for many students participation in commencement ceremonies ranks as one of life's important moments. It may be the student's first and only opportunity to be honored and recognized in the full focus of family, friends, and community. It, therefore, directs the Superintendent of Schools or designee to plan such exercises within the framework of the following guidelines:

1. The Superintendent of Schools shall establish the date for the graduation exercises and shall inform the Board of Education no later than the first regular meeting held in April.
2. Students who have successfully completed the requirements for graduation shall be eligible to receive a diploma and participate in the exercises. All eligible students are expected to participate in the exercises. The high school principal will present a list of eligible students to the Superintendent least 3 days before the graduation ceremony date. A statement certifying successful completion of the requirements and eligibility for the diploma will be a part of the formal remarks by the school principal at the graduation ceremony.
3. Students in special education classes who are members of the class (year of graduation), or who have successfully completed their Individual Prescribed Program, or who have completed the school year following their 21st birthday, shall be eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony.
4. In the graduation ceremonies, present and former members of the Board of Education and the high school principal will be the authorized individuals to present diplomas to the graduates.
5. In the event a student does not meet the minimum graduation requirements, the student will be denied the opportunity to participate in the graduation ceremonies. However, the student will be eligible to participate in all senior class activities. Students will receive a signed diploma at a later date when the academic deficiency is removed.