

REGULATION IKFB Las Cruces Public Schools

Related Entries: IKFB, IKF, IKF-R
Responsible Office: Deputy Superintendent

GRADUATION CEREMONIES/COMMENCEMENT

I. PURPOSE

To provide requirements and procedures for the enforcement of LCPS Policy IKFB: Graduation Ceremonies/Commencement.

II. GUIDELINES

- A. Students who have earned a high school diploma will be recognized in the spring graduation ceremonies. To be eligible for a diploma, students shall complete all required high school credits and shall pass all required assessments (IKF-R: Graduation/Credit Requirements).
- B. Students who have completed all required high schools credits and are eligible to receive a certificate of completion shall be recognized in the spring graduation ceremonies. The commencement program shall denote those students who earned a certificate of completion.
- C. Students who wish to participate in the graduation ceremonies must attend the scheduled rehearsal exercise. Students who are participating in a school-sponsored activity (see LCPS regulation JEA-R: School Attendance) may be excused from this requirement.
- D. Students who have been off-campus and/or on homebound status for health or pregnancy reasons will be required to submit a statement from the physician who is currently prescribing and directing their treatment/care to determine appropriate accommodations. This statement will indicate that the individual can take part in the rehearsals and ceremony and function in a reasonable manner in carrying out the procedures expected of others in the ceremony and this will in no foreseeable manner impair or affect the health of the individual.
- E. Students who are not on campus during the second semester of their graduating year and who wish to take part in the commencement ceremony must notify the school principal of their intentions prior to the deadlines established for other students participating in the ceremony.
- F. Students whose graduation eligibility is questionable for any reason, including academic ineligibility, disciplinary requirements and/or failure to pay any outstanding fees or debts owed to a school or the school district, shall be notified, along with their parents, on the official last day for Senior students by the end of the school day.
- G. Students who do not meet graduation eligibility requirements by the required date for graduation may be able to complete required course work and obtain required credits by attending summer school, and thereby graduate during summer school graduation ceremonies.

- H. In scheduling commencement exercises for each high school, the Superintendent of Schools shall work with schools and departments to avoid scheduling conflicts, including athletic events.
- I. Those graduating students who do not wish to participate in a commencement ceremony shall contact the school principal to receive their diplomas at a date following the commencement ceremony.
- J. Students who do not comply with behavior standards during graduation ceremonies or are in violation of district policies may be asked to leave the ceremony and may be subject to disciplinary action, at the discretion of the school principal.



Deputy Superintendent

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