

**CLOVIS UNIFIED  
SCHOOL DISTRICT****STUDENTS**

Student Achievement

**GRADUATION CEREMONIES AND ACTIVITIES**

**PURPOSE:** To establish procedures for graduation ceremonies and activities.

High school graduation ceremonies shall be held to recognize those students who have earned a diploma by successfully completing the District's required course of study, satisfying District standards, and passing any required assessments. The Board believes that participation in graduation ceremonies is a privilege for students and recognizes the significance of their achievement and encourages them to continue the pursuit of learning throughout their lives.

Students are expected to comply with District and school policies, regulations, and rules throughout the school session, including during graduation and related events. The Board authorizes the Superintendent to adopt an administrative regulation outlining the requirements for students to wear graduation caps and gowns, as well as other matters related to the graduation ceremony.

During the graduation ceremony, a student may be removed from the ceremony for failure to comply with District and school policies, regulations and rules, and for conduct that is disruptive or that poses a risk to safety.

Students who petition and are approved to graduate early may not participate in senior activities during the spring semester, such as the Senior Picnic, Class Trip, or commencement ceremonies.

High school seniors shall be notified of this policy in advance, through the student handbook or other means, and shall acknowledge receiving it.

Adopted: 11/18/2020

**EDUCATION CODE**

35183.1 Graduation ceremonies; tribal regalia or recognized object of religious/cultural significance

35183.3 Graduation ceremonies; military dress uniforms

38119 Lease of personal property; caps and gowns

48904 Liability of parent or guardian; withholding of grades, diplomas, transcripts

51225.5 Honorary diplomas; foreign exchange students

51410-51413 Diplomas

**DECISIONS**

Swany v. San Ramon Valley Unified School District (N.D. Cal. 1989) 720 F. Supp. 764

Smith v. N. Babylon Union Free School District (2d Cir. 1988) 844 F.2d 90

Fowler v. Williamson (W.D.N.C. 1978) 448 F.Supp. 497

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Ryan v. California Interscholastic Federation-San Diego Section (2001) 94 Cal.App.4th 1048

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