

GRADUATION/COMMENCEMENT PARTICIPATION

The School District of New Berlin recognizes the accomplishment of the high school graduate by sponsoring commencement/graduation ceremonies for the graduate's families, friends, staff and public. Commencement ceremonies are an optional, extra curricular activity in which all school regulations apply.

High school graduation/commencement ceremonies will be conducted in a manner that befits the standards of the School District of New Berlin. In order to conduct such a ceremony, certain behavioral, attire and grooming conditions must be satisfied.

The Board shall require students to conduct themselves during the ceremony in a manner consistent with established standards for the classroom. All students who choose to participate in the graduation/commencement ceremonies must also abide by an attire/grooming code and participate in the scheduled practice unless excused by the principal.

Graduation attire is to be neat, clean, properly fitting and of a dressy nature, and in good taste. The high school administration will prepare and distribute regulations pertaining to graduation/commencement participation which are consistent with this policy.

Graduation is a celebration for the graduates, friends, staff and public to enjoy and recognize the accomplishments of the graduates. The School Board considers this celebration a joyous yet solemn occasion and expects all those attending to respect the occasion.

Behavior prior to commencement:

Acts which may cause a student to lose graduation participation privilege

- a. Vandalism to the building.
- b. Disruption of a school activity.
- c. Senior pranks.
- d. Students placed on homebound instruction for disciplinary reasons.

Behavior during commencement:

Acts which would cause a student to be removed during commencement exercises

- a. The consumption of alcoholic beverages prior to the ceremony. Graduates giving evidence of having consumed alcoholic beverages will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony.
- b. Frisbees, balls and other objects being thrown during the ceremony to cause a disruption.
- c. Fireworks set off during the ceremony.
- d. Any inappropriate behavior or remarks which would cause a disruption during commencement exercises.

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