

5127 Promotional Ceremonies and Activities

The Board of Trustees encourages its schools to use promotional ceremonies and activities to honor students who have completed the curricular requirements for promotion from kindergarten, fifth and eighth grades.

The school or district shall not direct invocations, prayers or benedictions at promotion ceremonies.

Disciplinary Considerations

In order to encourage high standards of student conduct and behavior, the principal may deny a student the privilege of participating in promotion ceremonies and/or activities in accordance with school rules. School rules shall ensure that prior to denial of the privilege(s), the student, and where practicable his/her parent/guardian, is made aware of the grounds for such denial and that the student is given an opportunity to respond to the proposed denial. If privilege(s) are to be denied, the student and parent/guardian shall receive written notice of the denied privilege and the means whereby he/she may appeal this decision.

Honors and Awards

To honor superior academic achievement, promotion ceremonies shall include recognition of top academic achievers. The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures that ensure a fair determination of the top academic achievers.

The Superintendent or designee shall identify other school-sponsored awards which may be given during promotional exercises. A separate awards program may be held to recognize promoting students receiving other school and nonschool awards.

The Board desires that each elementary and middle school provide age-appropriate promotion exercises to recognize students who have completed the school's course of study.

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