

Scott County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in December	Descriptor Term: <h3 style="text-align: center;">Graduation Activities</h3>	Descriptor Code: 4.606	Issued Date: 02/09/17
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1 Students who have met all graduation requirements on the day of graduation and students who are within
 2 two (2) or fewer credits of meeting all requirements¹ and can complete the requirements during the
 3 summer may participate in graduation activities. If extenuating circumstances exist at any school, the
 4 matter shall be presented to the board prior to graduation activities.

5 Students are expected to participate in all graduation activities, and graduation apparel shall be
 6 determined by the administration of each school and shall be the personal expense of each student. Any
 7 fees required for graduation ceremonies shall be waived for students who are eligible to receive free or
 8 reduced price lunches, and in such cases, the school shall assume responsibility for payment of fees.²

9 Graduation ceremonies shall be physically accessible to all students, their parents and/or guardians, and
 10 other interested citizens.³

11 Students who do not wish to participate in graduation activities shall notify the school principal in writing
 12 at least five (5) days prior to the day of graduation. Non-participating students shall receive their
 13 diplomas or certificates from the principal’s office within one (1) week of the day of graduation.

14 The ceremony and all activities included shall not be religious in nature.⁴ The content of any students'
 15 speeches shall not reflect the endorsement, sponsorship, position, or expression of the school, employees,
 16 or board.

17 Principals shall ensure that students graduating with distinction and state honors are recognized at
 18 graduation.⁵ Additionally, principals shall ensure that high school students who voluntarily complete at
 19 least ten (10) hours of community service each semester are recognized during the graduation ceremony.⁶

Legal References

1. TCA 49-6-405
2. TCA 49-2-114
3. 28 CFR § 36.201
4. *Lee v. Weisman*, 505 U.S. 577(1992), 112 S. Ct. 2649, 120 L. Ed. 2d 467 (1992)
5. TRR/MS 0520-01-03-.06(1)(c); State Board of Education Policy 2.103
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Cross References

- Section 504 & ADA Grievance Procedures 1.802
 Student Fees and Fines 6.709