

5460.1 PROMOTION ACTIVITIES

The Board endorses culminating activities and ceremonies for pupils promoted to the ninth grade. The date of the promotion ceremony shall annually be recommended by the Superintendent and approved by the Board.

Guidelines for Promotion Year Activities

Pupil participation in special promotion year activities will require conduct of the highest caliber in all school situations.

Criteria for exclusion from these activities concern consistent behavioral patterns and shall include, but not be limited to:

- A. Consistent involvement in disciplinary action(s);
- B. Suspension.

The final decision shall be made by the Superintendent.

Pupils and parent(s) or legal guardian(s) shall be given advance notification of these criteria.

Promotion Procedures and Ceremonies

No pupil shall be barred from participation in promotion ceremonies for arbitrary or discriminatory reasons. A pupil who may be prevented from participation and his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s) shall be so notified in advance and no later than fourteen days prior to the close of the school year.

When a pupil or his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s) experiences financial hardship and is unable to pay the costs of participation in promotion ceremonies, the Board shall assume the costs of the following items:

- A. Rental or purchase of cap and gown;
- B. Other, as may be determined by the Board.

Financial hardship shall be defined by eligibility standards for free and reduced price meals under the State school lunch program.



The Board reserves the right to deny participation in promotion activities when extreme circumstances warrant it. Such denial shall be treated in the same manner as a suspension and the pupil so affected shall be afforded the rights of review provided in policies of this Board.

The Board reserves the right to withhold a diploma and transcripts until all fines are paid.

Awarding of Diplomas

A Board member shall present a copy of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States and the amendments thereto, and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey and the amendments thereto to each pupil upon graduation from elementary school.

The President of the Board of Education and/or another designated member of the Board shall award the diplomas. Board members and former Board members shall be afforded the opportunity to award diplomas to their own children.

N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-1 et seq.; 18A:35-1;
18A:35-4.9; 18A:35-7; 18A:36-17
N.J.A.C. 6A:8-1; 6A:8-5.1; 6A:14-4.12 et seq.

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