



**Policy: 9.59**

**SUBJECT:                    GRADUATION EXERCISES**

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**1.0    Policy**

High schools will plan their own graduation exercises, with the faculty and senior class working together.

Graduation exercises will be held during a designated time as published in a yearly calendar. A program scheduled for a Sunday may be held only after 2:00 p.m.

During the graduation exercises, diplomas shall be conferred upon graduates only by individuals granted such authority under the applicable Federal, State and Local Laws.

Although senior class members may be asked to pay fees to defray graduation expenses, no student will be barred from participating in the graduation exercises because of any charges that have not been paid. A senior class member's diploma may be held until book and other required fees/monies due are paid.

The Board will provide up to six free commencement invitations to each high school graduation, any additional invitation maybe requested by students/parents with no additional charge upon availability.

Graduates of summer school and adult high school programs will receive their diplomas at a citywide commencement, the Board will provide up to six commencement invitations to each graduating student.

**Attachments to Policy 9.59:**            None

**See also:**                                    None

**Legal References:**                    20 USC § 6318

**Labor Contract References:**        None