

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Cherry Hill, New Jersey

POLICY 5127

GRADUATION CEREMONIES

The graduation dates, times and location for Cherry Hill High Schools East and West will be determined by the Superintendent following receipt of a recommendation from the building principals. Cherry Hill High School East students will graduate first on odd number years and Cherry Hill High School West students will graduate first on even number years.

ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION

1. Participation is voluntary.
2. Participation is limited to those students who have completed the requirements for graduation as established by the Board of Education.

BEHAVIOR

At any time before or during the ceremony, a student may be removed from the graduation ceremony for the following reasons:

1. Inappropriate dress
 - A. Bare feet and shorts are unacceptable.
 - B. Graduation attire worn in an improper manner.
2. Possession of or under the influence of a controlled dangerous substance or alcoholic beverage.
3. Any behavior which directs attention to an individual student and detracts from the dignity of the ceremony such as throwing objects, setting firecrackers, acrobatics, etc.
4. Failure to attend and cooperate at rehearsals.

The principal shall have the authority to terminate the ceremony prior to its conclusion when he/she determines that he/she can no longer be responsible for student behavior.

A member of the audience may be removed from the graduation ceremony for any behavior which detracts from the dignity of the ceremony.

VOTING INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

Prior to graduation, the board of education shall provide a voter registration form and material describing the role of a citizen and the importance of voting to each eligible high school pupil.

- Legal References:** N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-5.1 *Boards of education prohibited from excluding students from graduation ceremony or from obtaining yearbook for inability to pay fees*
- N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1 *General mandatory powers and duties*
- N.J.S.A. 18A:36-18 *Books containing organic laws at graduation*
- N.J.S.A. 18A:36-27 *Voting information*
- N.J.S.A. 18A:37-2 *Causes for suspension or expulsion of pupils*
- N.J.S.A. 18A:54-20 *Powers of board (county vocational schools)*
- N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.1 et seq. *Implementation of graduation requirements*
- N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.1 et seq. *Student conduct*
- Ballato v. Long Branch Board of Education, 1990 S.L.D. (August 20)*
- Lee v. Weisman, 112 S.Ct. 2649 (1992)*
- R.L. v. Kingsway Regional Board of Education, 95 NJAR2d (EDU) 296*
- D.C. v. Parsippany Troy Hills Board of Education, 96 NJAR2d (EDU) 697*
- DO'G v. Ridgefield Park Board of Education, 96 NJAR2d (EDU) 820*
- R.F. v. Park Ridge Board of Education, 97 NJAR2d (EDU) 1*
- American Civil Liberties Union v. Blackhorse Pike Regional Board of Education, 84 F.3d 1471 (3d Cir. 1996)*

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