



# 5390 A

## Eligibility to Participate in Graduation Ceremonies

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### **I. PURPOSE**

Participation as a graduating student in a high school graduation ceremony implies that the student has completed all requirements for graduation. Minneapolis Public Schools believes that students who nearly meet the requirements to graduate and who may complete those requirements in the months following the scheduled ceremony should be able to participate in the graduation ceremonies of their class. The purpose of this regulation is to establish the criteria for participation in the graduation ceremonies, but does not confer rights to receive a diploma unless and until the requirements for graduation are met.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF REGULATION**

- A. The Superintendent, or Superintendent's designee, shall establish the minimum requirements of credits earned, distribution of credits earned, and number of state mandated assessments completed successfully for participation in graduation ceremonies.
- B. Students not otherwise barred from participation who have successfully completed the minimum number and distribution of credits required to participate and have successfully passed the minimum number of state mandated assessments may participate in the graduation ceremonies but shall not receive their diplomas until all graduation requirements are met.
- C. Students who are eligible for special education services and have an Individual Education Program (IEP) shall have their academic eligibility to participate in the graduation ceremonies based on satisfactory progress toward IEP goals. The determination of whether or not a student is eligible shall be made by the student's IEP committee. Participation is not prohibited to those who may continue to receive special education services past the date of the graduation ceremonies. Eligibility determinations shall be made no later than the date that general education students' eligibility is determined.
- D. Students who have an Individual Accommodation Plan (IAP) that includes accommodations in graduation requirements shall have their academic eligibility to participate in the graduation ceremonies based on satisfactory progress toward completion of their modified graduation requirements. Eligibility determination shall be made no later than the date that general education students' eligibility is determined.
- E. Students who are earning credits toward graduation through a Post-Secondary Enrollment Option whose grades from the post-secondary institution in which they are enrolled are not yet reported may participate in the graduation ceremonies if they have successfully passed the minimum number of state mandated assessments required for participation and have



completed the minimum number and distribution of credits required for participation when the credits to be granted for the post-secondary institution are included in the calculation.

***Legal References:***

Minn. Stat. §120A.22 (Compulsory Instruction)  
Minn. Stat. §120B.02 (Educational Expectations for Minnesota's Students)  
Minn. Stat. §120B.021 (Required Academic Standards)  
Minn. Stat. §120B.022 (Elective Standards)  
Minn. Stat. §120B.024 (Graduation Requirements; Course Credits)  
Minn. Stat. §120B.30 (Statewide Testing and Reporting System)

***Cross References:***

MPS Policy 5391 (Graduation Requirements)  
MPS Policy 5392 (Diplomas)