GRADUATION EXERCISE POLICY

The Gore Board of Education recognizes that graduation ceremonies are important events for our students, patrons, guests and community. To ensure that graduation ceremonies are enjoyable for all participants and spectators, the board enacts the following policies:

1. Graduation exercises, and those activities granted to members of the graduating classes, are limited to those individual students who meet the qualifications for graduation.
2. All students completing the requirements for graduation may participate in graduation exercises unless they have been ban due to discipline or other issues.
3. To meet the qualifications for graduation, a student must be currently enrolled in all classes needed to graduate as part of the regular enrollment at Gore High School. All correspondence courses must be completed before the end of the third nine weeks.
4. A student who completes the requirements for graduation after his/her class graduates will receive a diploma at the time of completion but shall not be entitled to participate in graduation exercises.
5. Graduates will still be considered a student of this district until such graduation ceremonies have been completed. The graduation process-is "completed" when students have been checked out and cleared by the principal.
6. All students participating in graduation ceremonies will be required to abide by the school's discipline codes outlined by the Student Handbook. In addition, students shall abide by the following during graduation exercises:
   
   A. Students shall not engage in any disruptive activity which substantially interferes with the graduation process or the rights of other individuals.
   B. Gowns shall have no adornments other than those provided by the school.
   C. Dress will be appropriate for the occasion as determined by the administration including any scarves or stoles.
   D. Mortar boards may be decorated. Any decorations or adornments shall meet general standards of decency. No letters, numbers, symbols and signs are permitted that are of a negative sociotial nature, or are used to represent hatred, bias, conflict or promotion of same. Any request to alter the appearance of the traditional graduation commencement attire (cap and gown) shall be subject to site principal’s and-or superintend/board of education’s approval before commencement ceramonies begin including practices.
   E. Student speeches must be delivered as approved by the administration. Val. and Sal may be approved for speeches.
   F. Failure to abide by these standards and current standards of decency shall result in a student being denied the opportunity to “walk” during commencement ceremonies and may lead to further disciplinary action by the district.