

GRADUATION POLICY- Commencement Exercises

The GORE Board of Education recognizes that graduation ceremonies are important events for our students, patrons, guests, and community. Students who have not met state mandates and local school district graduation requirements shall not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony. In order to participate in the graduation ceremony a student must be in good standing, completed all requirements for a diploma at the time of the ceremony. Students who have not conformed with student discipline policies, those that have been charged, are under investigation, or have been convicted of a crime, and those that have unpaid fines or fees to the school district are not in good standing. To ensure that graduation ceremonies are enjoyable for all participants and spectators, the board enacts the following policies:

1. A student shall be a graduate of this school district and entitled to a High School Diploma whenever that student has successfully completed the minimum number of credits established by the district for graduation, demonstrates mastery of the state academic content standards as required by state law.
2. Students are considered as students of this district until graduation ceremonies have been completed or they withdraw.
3. Students participating in graduation ceremonies will be required to abide by the school's discipline code as outlined in the Student Handbook. In addition, students shall not engage in the following conduct during graduation exercises:
 - A. Throwing caps or other objects in the air ARE DISCOURAGED.
 - B. Engaging in any disruptive activity that substantially interferes with the graduation process or the rights of other individuals.
 - C. Regalia. There will be no alterations to the robe and only school issued cords and sashes may be utilized in the graduation ceremony. Students may decorate their mortar board for the ceremony. The principal must approve all decorations on the mortar board before the mortar board will be allowed

to be worn during the ceremony. Established Native American Tribal members may wear tribal symbols, if approved by the tribe and admin.

4. The administration may impose discipline on any student who commits any act referred to in (3) above. It is recommended the administration take necessary steps to impose discipline as soon as is convenient after completion of graduation exercises. If a student violates (3) above prior to the ceremony, the student may not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony and will be asked to leave the premises.
5. To be included or to “walk” in the sr graduation exercises, a student must have completed, with passing grades, in all subjects needed to graduate, meet all eligibility requirements, completed all coorispondane or on line courses needed to graduate and be a current student of GPS to be considered for the graduation ceremony. (Exeception # 6 may apply)

A student may still “graduate and receive a diploma” upon completion of all required coursework at a later date but will not be eligible to pareticipate in a later graduation ceremony.

A student who fails to complete all the graduation requirements by the end of the last instructional day OR the graduation ceremony date at 3:00 pm. On that date, will not be considered for participation in the graduation ceremony or eligible to “walk”.

6. Any student who completes all rquired coursework and is eligilve for graduation at midterm may return to their cohort group’s graduation and participate in their cohort graduation ceremony.