

**INSTRUCTION**

Commencement and Baccalaureate Exercises

Commencement exercises shall be free from sectarian influence, including invocation and benedictions.

The district will not sponsor a baccalaureate service. Parents and/or outside groups may elect to sponsor such a service without any promotion through the school. Staff and student participation shall be voluntary. If school facilities are used, the sponsoring body may be charged a rental fee.

Cross References:	Board Policy 2340	Religious-Related Activities, Practices
	Board Policy 4330	Use of School Facilities
Legal References:	U.S. Constitution	First Amendment
	U.S. Constitution	Fourteenth Amendment
	Washington Constitution	Article IX § 4
	Washington Constitution	Article I § 11

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