## **GRADUATION CEREMONY POLICY**

Participation in the graduation ceremony and related activities will be based on satisfactory completion of all graduation requirements, or as otherwise set forth in this policy. Exceptions may be made with the approval of the Superintendent. A student who has earned either a Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) Commencement Credential or a Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential (SACC) by the time the student's ninth-grade cohort reaches graduation may participate in that graduation ceremony and related activities.

If a student who participates in the graduation ceremony by earning a CDOS or SACC subsequently meets the requirements for either a Regents or local high school diploma, the student may participate in the graduation ceremony of that graduating class as well.

A student who participates in graduation ceremonies by earning a CDOS or SACC is entitled to continue in the student's educational program until the end of the school year in which the student turns 21 years old, or until the student earns a Regents or local high school diploma.

The District shall provide annual written notice to all students and their parents/guardians of the requirements of this policy.

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