

CRITERIA FOR STUDENT PARTICIPATION (WALKING) IN GRADUATION CEREMONIES

General Education Students

1. Students must be currently enrolled in the Butler County School System.
2. Students must have passed all required courses during his/her 9-12 grades and have passed all required portions of the Alabama High School Graduation Exam.
3. Students must be eligible to receive one of the following diplomas:
 - Alabama High School Diploma
 - Alabama High School Diploma with Advanced Academic Endorsement
 - Alabama High School Diploma with Advanced Career/Technical Endorsement
 - Alabama High School Diploma with Career/Technical Endorsement
 - Alabama High School Diploma with Credit-Based Endorsement
 - Alternate Adult High School Diploma
4. A Certificate of Attendance will not be presented and is not an option for regular education students.
5. Students that fail to pass all required courses of study or earn a minimum required number of Carnegie units will not be allowed to participate in graduation ceremonies.

Appeal

Students who have completed all of the above requirements with the exception of passing the required sections of the Alabama High School Graduation Exam (AHSGE) may appeal to the Superintendent requesting permission to participate in graduation ceremonies. Students must show that they have:

1. Taken and attempted to pass the exam each time it was offered.
2. Attended 75% of all available remediation courses/tutoring between test administrations.
3. Attended courses designed to assist students in passing the GED, and
4. Attempted to pass the GED.

Students appealing to the Superintendent's office must present written evidence verifying that the student has addressed all four areas above. The principal and school guidance counselor will be able to assist in preparing evidence for the Superintendent.

Board Position

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Graduation Ceremony Participation (Walking) And Athletic/Extracurricular Participation

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I acknowledge receipt of and have read the *Criteria for Student Participation (Walking) in Graduation Ceremonies*.

Parent Signature

I have read the above Board position statement. Even though my child is a senior and has not passed all parts of the AHSGE, I consent to allow my child to participate in athletics and or extra curricular activities. My signature acknowledges my consent, and I assume responsibility for any resulting impact on my child's academic success.

Parent Signature

I have read the above Board position statement. Even though I am a senior and I have not passed all parts of the AHSGE, I have chosen to participate in athletics and or extra curricular activities. I and my parents have discussed my participation in athletics and agree that I will participate.

Student Signature