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Participation in Commencement Exercises

Statement of Policy

A student's participation in the commencement exercises of the graduating class at Corvallis High School is an honor. As such, participation in this ceremony is reserved for those members of the graduating class who have completed all of the state and local requirements for graduation before the date of the ceremony. Students who complete their requirements after the date of commencement exercises will receive their diploma at that time.

Organization and Content of Commencement Exercises

The school administration may invite graduating students to participate in high school graduation exercises according to academic class standing or class officer status. Any student who is requested to participate may choose to decline the invitation.

The school administration will review presentations and specific content and may advise the participants about appropriate language for the audience and occasion. Students selected to participate may choose to deliver an address, poem, reading, song, musical presentation, or other pronouncement of their choosing.

The printed program for the commencement exercises shall include the following paragraph:

Any presentation by a participant in graduation exercises is the private expression of the individual participant and does not necessarily reflect any official position of the District, its Board, administration, or employees, or indicate the views of any other graduates.

Legal Reference: Art XI, Sec. 5, Montana Constitution – Freedom of religion
Art X, Sec 2, Montana Constitution – Nondiscrimination in education
20-5-201 (3), MCA Duties and Sanctions
20-1-308, MCA Religious Instruction released time program
20-7-112, MCA Sectarian publications prohibited and prayer permitted

Cross Reference: 3332, Students, Participation in Commencement Exercises

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