

# Dickson County Board of Education

Monitoring: <b>Review: Annually, in November</b>	Descriptor Term: <b>Graduation Activities</b>	Descriptor Code: <b>4.606</b>	Issued Date: <b>04/26/12</b>
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1 Students who have met all graduation requirements on the day of graduation may participate in the  
2 graduation activities.<sup>1</sup> If extenuating circumstances exist at any school, the matter shall be presented to  
3 the Board prior to graduation activities.

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5 Students are expected to participate in all graduation activities. Graduation apparel shall be determined  
6 by the administration of each school and shall be the personal expense of each student, except for stu-  
7 dents who are eligible to receive free or reduced price lunches.<sup>2</sup> In such cases, the school shall assume  
8 responsibility for payment of fees, provided, however, that the school shall not be responsible for the  
9 expenses of graduation apparel if it consists only of the student's personal clothing. All other graduation  
10 expenses shall be the responsibility of the Board.

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12 Graduation ceremonies shall be physically accessible to all students, their parents and/or guardians, and  
13 other interested citizens.<sup>3</sup>

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15 Students who do not wish to participate in graduation activities shall make this known to the school  
16 principal at least five (5) days prior to the day of graduation. Non-participating students will receive their  
17 diplomas, or certificates, from the principal's office on the day following graduation ceremonies.

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19 There shall be no sponsorship of a baccalaureate service or other activity which is religious in nature  
20 by the Board or its employees, and no school funds, including paid staff time, will be used for such  
21 activities.<sup>4</sup>

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23 Students graduating with distinction will be recognized at graduation.<sup>5</sup>

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Legal References:

1. TCA 49-6-405
2. TCA 49-2-114
3. 28 CFR § 36.201-2
4. *Lee v. Weisman*, 505 U.S. 112 S. Ct. 2649, 120 L. Ed. 2d 467 (1992)
5. TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.06(1)(c)

Cross References:

- Section 504 & ADA Grievance Procedures 1.802  
Student Fees and Fines 6.709