

Students

Graduation Ceremonies and Activities

Intermediate/junior high school graduation ceremonies shall be held to recognize those students who have successfully completed the required course of study and passed all academic requirements and behavior standards. Those students shall be designated “Graduating Eighth Graders” and have thereby earned the right to receive a diploma.

Academic Standards

An eighth-grade student shall be eligible to participate in graduation ceremony and be awarded a diploma if he/she has met the following minimum requirements:

- A. Students must earn 120 out of 140 credits in their two years at Rancho-Starbuck.
- B. Students must have a cumulative GPA of at least 1.50 in their two years at Rancho-Starbuck.
- C. At the discretion of the principal or administrative designee, under special circumstances a student may be eligible for graduation with a GPA of at least 1.50 for eighth grade only.
- D. Students must have been in attendance at school for at least 90% of the time enrolled. (Exceptions may be made for special circumstances when credits are earned with home teaching.)
- E. Students must enter eighth grade with at least 60 credits (no more than four F’s), and students must earn a minimum of 60 credits in eighth grade with no more than four F’s in eighth grade.
- F. Students must meet the District’s testing standards.
- G. Only students who meet all of the graduation requirements will be allowed to participate in eighth-grade graduation activities.
- H. Criteria for District’s testing standards are specified in the promotion/retention handbook.

(cf. 6146.5)

Behavioral Standards

In addition to meeting the academic standards above, each student is expected to maintain standards of conduct and behavior as set forth in the policies and procedures established by the principal of the school. The principal may deny the privilege of participating in the graduation ceremonies if the standards of behavior have not been met.

Graduating Eighth Grade Activities

- A. Eighth-Grade Party (if scheduled).
- B. Disneyland Trip (or comparable substitute).
- C. Graduation Ceremonies.

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Graduation Ceremonies And Activities (continued)

The aforementioned activities are open only to those students who are approved for participation in the graduation ceremonies.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

40014 Lease of personal property; caps and gowns

48904 Liability of parent or guardian; withholding of grades, diplomas, transcripts

51225.5 Honorary diplomas; foreign exchange students

51400-51403 Elementary school diploma

51410 Diplomas: no indication of intellectual classification

51411 Residence as condition for graduation; prohibition

51412 Standards of proficiency

Lee v. Weisman (1992) 112 S.C. 2649

Sands v. Morongo Unified School District (1991) 53 Cal. 3d 863

Lemon v. Kurtzman (1971) 403 U.S. 602

Fowler v. Board of Education of the Hickory Administrative School Unit (1978) 448 f. Supp.497

Mifflin County School District v. Steward PA. Cmwlt. (1986) 503 A2d 1012, 30 Educ. L.R. 403

Jones v. Clear Creek Independent School District (1992, 5th Cir.) 977 F.2d 963

Harris v. Joint School District #241 (1994, 9th Cir.) No. 93-35839

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