

Series 5000 – Students

1. Elementary and Secondary

B. Progress/Records

(5) Graduation Ceremony

There shall only be one district graduation ceremony upon completion of grade twelve in the high school. All other exercises upon student completion of elementary and middle school grades shall be referred to by another name.

The Board believes that completion of the requirements for a diploma from the Suffield Public Schools is an achievement that improves the community as well as the individual. Therefore, the Board wishes to recognize that achievement annually in a publicly held graduation ceremony.

Only students who have successfully satisfied all requirements and obligations prescribed by Board policy and administrative regulations will be eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony, except as provided below:

1. A foreign exchange student may be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremonies at the discretion of the school administration, upon successful completion of the school year.
2. Exceptions may be approved by the Board in unusual circumstances, upon recommendation of the school administration.

The school administration must notify all students of the requirements and obligations to be met in order to participate in the graduation exercises. Individual students who are not or may not be eligible to participate in the graduation ceremonies, and their parent(s) or person having legal authority of the child shall be notified by mail in conjunction with each progress and grade report.

Participation in graduation exercises may be dependent upon satisfying financial obligations to the Suffield school district.

(cf. 5114 - Suspension/Expulsion; Student Due Process)

(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Retention)

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline/Punishment)

(cf. 6146 - Graduation Requirements)

(cf. 6141.5 – Advanced College Placement)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
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