

POLICY

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

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Responsible Office: DIVISION OF INSTRUCTION AND SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

GRADUATION ACTIVITIES

A. PURPOSE

To establish a policy that delineates participation requirements for graduation activities.

B. ISSUE

State law requires that students who participate in graduation activities meet all Maryland high school requirements of graduation and standards of behavior established by Anne Arundel County Public Schools.

C. POSITION

1. Participation in graduation activities is a privilege granted to qualifying students. This applies to all prospective graduates, including diploma and certificate recipients.
2. Graduating students who violate Board of Education of Anne Arundel County policies on possession, consumption, or distribution of alcoholic beverages, controlled dangerous substances, counterfeit controlled dangerous substances, non-controlled substances as defined by the Criminal Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, or other intoxicants at any time during the last 4 weeks of school prior to the last scheduled day for graduating students, or during the time between the last scheduled day and the graduation ceremony, whether the activity takes place on school buses, within a school building, or upon any school property or during any school, school-related, or Board-sponsored activity, whether held on school property or at locations off school property, including private clubs, businesses, or commercial establishments, shall be prohibited from participation in all senior activities, including proms, award ceremonies, and graduation exercises.

D. IMPLEMENTATION

The Superintendent is authorized to develop regulations to implement the policy.

Policy History: Adopted on 12/21/16; Technical Edit 11/04/25

Note Previous Policy History: Replaces Policy 608.04, adopted 09/03/64 and revised 01/20/93, 12/02/98, 08/07/02, and 06/19/13

Legal References: Sections 7-205 and 7-205.1 of the Education Article, Section 5-101 of the Criminal Law Article