

## Kimberly School District Instruction 2333

### Participation in Commencement Exercises Statement of Policy

A student's right to participate in the commencement exercises of the graduating class at Kimberly High School is an earned privilege. As such, participation in this ceremony is reserved for those members of the graduating class who have completed all the state and local requirements for graduation before the date of the ceremony. Students who have not completed satisfactorily every credit and other requirements required for graduation as set in policy 2410 by 12PM (noon) the day before graduation shall not be allowed to march with the graduates at any of the regular graduation exercises. Students who are not eligible for a diploma at the regular graduation exercise will be awarded their diploma upon successful completion of all graduation requirements.

#### Student Dress

For the ceremony and the group picture, students are to wear professional business-type attire. The only accessories allowed are cap, gown (cap and gown can be red, white, or black and chosen by class officers/approved by administration), tassel chosen by class officers/approved by administration, stole chosen by class officers/approved by administration, Valedictorian and Salutatorian medals, and cords for the following approved clubs/organizations:

*BPA, CAN, FFA, Key Club, NHS, Debate/Ntl, Speech, Tri-M, Christians in Action, Kimberly MTB Club, Athletics and HOSA.*

To Be approved for graduation cords, clubs and organizations must require a minimum GPA of 3.0 (or higher, at their discretion) in addition to meeting other specific club or organization criteria. Students who desire to accessorize with a ceremonial symbol must obtain approval from the high school principal and superintendent at least two weeks prior to the commencement exercise.

*\*The 3.0 GPA requirement for wearing cords will apply to the graduating class of 2026 and to newly approved clubs or organizations for the class of 2025.*

#### 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, because of academic class standing, is requested to participate may choose to decline the invitation.

The school administration shall not censor any presentation or require any content, but many 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 performance, prayer, or any other pronouncement of their choosing.

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

*Any presentation by participants of graduation exercises is the private expression of the individual participants and does not necessarily reflect any official position of the District, its Board, Administration, or Employees, or indicate the views of any other graduate.*

The Agenda for Kimberly High School Graduation shall be as follows:

Processional	Pianist/Bagpiper
Welcome and Introduction	Senior Class Officer
National Anthem	High School Choir
Announcement of Award	Superintendent
Introductions of Salutatorian/Valedictorian	Senior Class
Officer Valedictorian Speech(s)	Valedictorian
Introduction of Speaker	Senior Class Officer
Inspirational Address	Selected by the Senior Class
Presentation of Diplomas	Board of Trustees
Thank you and Closing	Senior Class Officer
Presentation of Class	High School Principal
Recessional	Pianist/Bagpiper

Legal Reference:

Art.9, Sec. 6, Idaho Constitution, Religious Test and Teaching in School Prohibited  
I.C. 33-1603 Sectarian Instruction, Forbidden I.C. 33-512 Governance of Schools, I.C. 67-5909 Acts Prohibited

Policy History:

First Reading: November 26, 2002

Adopted on: January 28, 2003

Revised: August 19, 2015; July 23, 2018; May 21, 2020; May 18, 2023; March 22, 2024; January 15, 2025