

6006 Commencement Ceremony

Teachwell shall conduct a commencement ceremony for members of the senior class at the end of the school year. Participation in the ceremony is a privilege, not a right, and the Director or his/her designee may prohibit students who have violated conduct rules from participating in the ceremony as a consequence for the misconduct.

All students who are enrolled as members of the senior class at the end of a school year, whether students in the regular education curriculum or students with individual education plans, shall be eligible to participate in the ceremony regardless of whether they have completed all graduation requirements. Being permitted to participate in the ceremony does not constitute graduation, and only those students who have completed all graduation requirements prior to the ceremony will receive a diploma.

As required by state law, students participating in a commencement ceremony are allowed to adorn their graduation regalia with:

- an eagle feather,
- eagle plume,
- a beaded graduation cap, or
- a sash, stole, or other military decoration, if the sash, stole, or decoration was issued to the student by the South Dakota National Guard or a branch of the armed forces, for the purposes of being worn at the graduation ceremony.

No other adornments are allowed.

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