

Graduation and Students Assigned to JJAEP or DAEP

Students classified as seniors, who attend school and take and pass required courses and exams, have a legitimate expectation that they will receive a high school diploma. However, students have no constitutional right to receive their diplomas at a specific graduation ceremony. "Walking across the stage" at graduation is both exciting and memorable, but participation in a graduation ceremony is not a protected right.

State law prevents a student assigned to a Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP) or Juvenile Justice Education Program (JJAEP) from attending or participating in any extracurricular activity during their period of assignment. For seniors who have not successfully completed a minimum of 30 instructional days at the Opportunity Awareness Center (OAC) or who are currently assigned to a JJAEP are not eligible to attend or participate in graduation.

To be eligible to attend or participate in graduation and any related activities, students must complete their assignments at the OAC or a JJAEP by the end of the day preceding their graduation ceremony. This is true even if all graduation requirements have been met. Students, not eligible to attend or participate in graduation will receive their diplomas from the District.