

**SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**AR 5127**

Students

Graduation Ceremonies and Activities

Students who have met the District graduation requirements (240) must also pass the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) in order to participate in graduation ceremonies. All students in the State of California are required to pass the CAHSEE. A Certificate of Achievement is awarded to a student who has severely handicapping conditions and has followed an alternative course of study as outlined by their Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Certificates of Completion shall be presented to students scheduled to graduate in June 2007 who meet the required number of credits for graduation, but have not passed the CAHSEE. The graduating class of June 2007 is the final graduating class to receive a Certificate of Completion.

Both groups of students, those who receive a Certificate of Achievement or Certificate of Completion will be allowed to participate in commencement ceremonies.

**Honors and Awards**

To honor superior academic achievement, graduation ceremonies shall include recognition of a valedictorian and salutatorian. The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures that ensure a fair determination of the students who have achieved the highest grade point average in the graduating class. If a tie exists, the principal may honor more than one valedictorian and/or salutatorian. (cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)

The Superintendent or designee shall identify other school-sponsored awards which may be given out during graduation exercises. A separate awards program may be held to recognize graduating students receiving other school and nonschool awards. (cf. 5126 - Awards Of Achievement)

Foreign exchange students may receive honorary diplomas during the graduation ceremony. (E.C. 51225.5)