

# Policy 5128.1: Commencement Ceremony

It shall be the policy of the Cozad Community School District that students who have not completed all requirements for graduation prescribed by the laws and written policies of the State of Nebraska, and the policies, rules, regulations, standards and lawful directives of the Board of Education, or the Administration of the Cozad Community School District are not eligible for the traditional commencement ceremony. With the exception, any student with identified disabilities, having an IEP stating special education services should continue past the date of that student's normal graduation date, may participate in commencement ceremony and receive an unsigned diploma.

The administration shall not deviate from this policy unless it is necessary to do so in order to comply with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), or an order issued by a court of administrative tribunal with competent jurisdiction.

If a student did not complete all the requirements to participate in the traditional commencement ceremony but has the credits to receive a diploma, the student has two options to receive their diploma:

1. Pick up your diploma from the high school office the Monday after the traditional commencement ceremony.
2. Request to have a special ceremony with family at the board office. Such request shall be submitted to the High School Principal, upon which a date and time will be determined.

Alternative Education students will also have the option to receive their diploma at a special ceremony with family at the board office or pick up their diploma at the high school office.

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