

## CHAPTER 5.00 – STUDENTS

### PARTICIPATION IN GRADUATION CEREMONIES

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The Henry County Board of Education authorizes local high school principals and appropriate staff members to design and implement graduation ceremony exercises for their respective schools. In all cases, eligibility criteria for participation in graduation exercises (marching) shall encompass the following provisions:

1. Senior regular education and special education students who earn any Alabama high school diploma are eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony (march). Regular education students who entered the ninth grade in 2009, 2010 or 2011 who complete all courses required for graduation but who have not passed required sections of the AHSGE and who are not earning a diploma may participate in graduation ceremonies (march) and receive an attendance certificate.
2. Special education students who have not met the requirements for a diploma but have met the requirements of their IEPs shall be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony and will be awarded the Graduation Certificate.
3. Students who meet all requirements after their designated graduation date may participate in the graduation ceremony/exercise the following year.

#### REFERENCE(S):

**CODE OF ALABAMA  
16-8-8**

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