

GRADUATION CEREMONY DECORATION

Any Native American learner may wear an eagle feather or eagle plume at that learner's graduation ceremony, or an appropriate beaded graduation cap subject to the determination of the school Administrator overseeing the graduation ceremony that the beaded graduation cap is appropriate.

A learner who has enlisted in the South Dakota National Guard or in a branch of the armed forces may wear to his or her graduation ceremony a sash, stole, or other military decoration issued to that learner by the military branch for the purposes of being worn at the graduation ceremony. The learner should inform the Administrator overseeing the graduation ceremony of his or her intention to wear the sash, stole, or other military decoration.

Legal References: **SDCL 13-1-66 (Wearing of eagle feather or plume or beaded cap)**
 SDCL 13-1-66.1 (Wearing of military decoration at graduation)
 SDCL 36-1-2 (Components of armed forces)

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