

During the 2025 Legislative Session, [House Bill 1068](#), which allows a student to wear a sash, stole, or other military decoration at a school graduation ceremony, if the sash, stole, or decoration was issued to the student by the South Dakota National Guard or a branch of the armed forces, for the purposes of being worn at the graduation ceremony, was passed and signed into law.

[HB 1068](#) included an emergency clause, which means the new graduation attire requirement **begins with this year's graduation ceremonies and must be followed by your district.**

ASBSD has drafted and adopted a new [school board sample policy](#) for your district to consider in IKFB: Graduation Ceremony Decoration, which includes the process of the student wearing sash, stole, or decoration at graduation, as well as the procedure for a student wearing a Native American eagle feather, eagle plume or beaded graduation cap also permitted in state law.



The sample policy is attached and can also be found at <http://policy.asbsd.org>. Your district's login and password information has been previously provided to your district's administration.

For questions related to [the policy](#), contact Director of Policy & Legal Services Naomi Cromwell at ncromwell@asbsd.org or at 605-773-2513.

Questions about the bill can be directed to ASBSD Executive Director Heath Larson at hlarson@asbsd.org or at 605-773-2503 or myself at the contact information below.

Thank you.