

## **PARTICIPATION IN GRADUATION EXERCISES**

The Vinalhaven School Board believes that completion of the requirements for a diploma from the Vinalhaven School is an achievement that improves the community as well as the individual and, therefore, wishes to recognize that achievement in a publicly celebrated graduation ceremony. Students should see this as a privilege that is earned to participate in a public ceremony for a grand achievement.

Participation in the graduation ceremony shall be reserved for those seniors who:

1. Have met all of the credit requirements for graduation per policy IKF and qualify for a regular diploma.
2. Have participated in practice for the ceremony and are abiding by the rules for participation in the ceremony including being free from the influence/use of drugs or alcohol.
3. Meet the dress code requirements for the ceremony. Students must wear the designated cap and gown. Males should be in dress pants, dress shirt, and dress shoes. Females should be in dress slacks or a dress, dress shirts and dress shoes.
4. Have paid all fees, fines, or charges owed to the school and returned all school property such as laptops, textbooks, library books, and uniforms or have made appropriate payment or waiver arrangements with a school administrator.
5. Are in good standing with the school. Students may not participate if they are under suspension, expulsion or other restrictive discipline imposed by school administrators in accordance with school or district policies and procedures.

Students may be removed from participation in the exercises if they engage in any behavior that is disrupting to the event or which causes unnecessary distraction to other students, parents, or patrons.

Adopted \_\_\_\_ August 20, 2014 \_\_\_\_\_