## **GORE BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY**

Tribal Regalia

## Tribal Regalia-School Event

- 1. A student enrolled in a public school district may wear tribal regalia during the school's official graduation ceremonies, whether held at a public or private location.
- 2. Nothing in this subsection shall limit or alter the authority of school personnel to regulate student behavior pursuant to the School Safety and Bullying Prevention Act.
- 3. A school district board of education may adopt a policy pursuant to the provisions of this section, which may specify the characteristics of any garment, jewelry, other adornment, or object that the school or institution finds will endanger the safety of a student or others or interfere with graduation ceremonies if worn by a student.
- 4. For the purposes of this section, "tribal regalia" means traditional garments, jewelry, other adornments such as an eagle feather, an eagle plume, a beaded cap, a stole, or similar objects of cultural and religious significance worn by members of a federally recognized Indian tribe or the tribe of another country. Tribal regalia does not include any firearm or other weapon. Tribal regalia does not include any object that is otherwise prohibited by federal law, except in compliance with an appropriate federal permit.

Gore Schools allows and welcomes decoration of the mortar board, wearing of tribal regalia, and adornments by pre approval of the high school principal. All decoration and attire must meet the student handbook for decency and non-discrimination. No alterations can be made to the graduation gown from the original design. All attire must be approved by the high school principal before it will be allowed to be worn during the graduation ceremony.

Reference: Title 70 Section 24-160 -