

High school graduation is a significant achievement and is cause for celebration of the rite of passage from adolescence into adulthood.

Procedures

1. The Principal shall ensure that there will be a formal graduation celebration for students who have successfully completed their high school program.
2. The graduation celebration shall include:
 - 2.1 A Catholic liturgical component that reflects the values of the Catholic Christian tradition and dignifies each graduand as a child of God;
 - 2.2 Public exercises that profile the senior class as a group and recognize students as individuals;
 - 2.3 Exemplifies the values identified in the Mission Statement of the Division.
3. In order for a student to participate in the graduation ceremony, the student must have successfully completed the educational program and met the school's policy expectations in the Religious Studies program.
 - 3.1 The Principal shall have the authority to permit a student to participate in the graduation ceremony, if in the best interest of the student and with special consideration given to the effort and ability of the student.
4. The Board and employees of the Division will not recognize, endorse or be part of any other activities in regard to graduation beyond those identified in this procedure.

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