

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS **Qualifications, Application, and Procedure**

A determination will be made by the administration and class as to whether a guest speaker or representative(s) of the senior class will provide the commencement address.

Administrative Guidelines for Student Commencement Speakers:

1. Qualifications
 - A. A graduating senior.
 - B. Students who have a minimum 3.0 GPA.
 - C. Students must be eligible, both academically and under the Code of Conduct, during the final semester of their senior year.
 - D. Students must display satisfactory behavior and attendance to qualify as a speaker. Conduct that will prevent a student from speaking includes:
 - (1) Habitual skipping of class, habitual tardiness, inability of the student to get along with more than one teacher during the year, disruptive behavior (determined by the principal and the senior class sponsors).
 - (2) A suspension from school in the student's senior year.
2. Application Process for Class Representative to Speak at Commencement
 - A. Students who wish to be considered must register with the high school principal.
 - B. Selection process
 - (1) All candidates will prepare a script and turn it in to the high school principal.
 - (2) All candidates must record their speeches for committee evaluation. The selection committee will be composed of the following:
 - a. One secondary English teacher
 - b. One secondary speech teacher or speech coach
 - c. One class officer
 - d. One administrator
 - (3) If a speaker is not selected from the graduating class, an outside speaker will be nominated by the senior class and approved by the administration.

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