

October 2019

**APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN GRADUATION CEREMONIES**

No students may participate in the Ceremonies unless an application is received for consideration, and all the guidelines below are met.

**GRADUATION GUIDELINES**

All Secondary Schools in Mission Public Schools adhere to a policy of allowing students to participate in the Leaving (Graduation) Ceremonies under the following conditions:

1. We believe in honouring students for their accomplishments and have endeavoured to host ceremonies that celebrate actual graduation achievement. The student must have a passing grade and be in a position to graduate. In courses where government exams are written, the student must, in the opinion of the subject teacher and the Principal, have achieved high enough standing in the marks allocated by the school that credit is probable once the exam has been written. This applies to online courses too. Also, the requirements of Graduation Transitions must be met.

2. The student must be in "good standing" with the school. Students under suspension are not permitted graduation privileges. As well, the student must have demonstrated good attendance on a regular basis. (Exceptional circumstances such as extended medical problems will be given full consideration by the school's administration).

3. All school fees must be paid in full and textbooks and library books must be returned, except those currently being used.

**Special Note:**

The school and community continue to set high expectations for potential graduates. "Prank events" or other behaviours which lead to property damage and vandalism, are not tolerated. The school remains adamantly opposed to **"prank events"**. Potential graduates involved in such activities risk being suspended from any participation in the ceremonies. If a significant number of grads were to be involved, consideration of cancellation of the ceremonies would be given. We will not condone irresponsible behaviour in the name of achievement and celebration. To do so contradicts everything we stand for as a school community.

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**As well, a reminder to students and parents regarding our policy on alcohol, drugs, and vaping at all Grade 12 events, such as Prom, Dry Grad, Grad Cruise and Commencement. If any student or guest attends any of these events after having any alcohol or having any involvement with drugs, the student and guest will not be allowed to participate in these events. Where this policy is not followed, the parents or guardians will be immediately contacted and arrangements will be made for the student and guest to leave the function.**

**Closing Remarks**

In closing, I would like to stress the school's view of the graduation year objectives. Grade 12 is probably the most important year in the life of a student and is deserving of both application of effort and celebration of accomplishment. The school believes in a healthy balance. In the competitive markets of university and employment applications, we want our students to be academically qualified and prepared. The administration and staff at Mission Secondary School work diligently to ensure student success. All students at Mission Secondary are expected to do their best now so they are prepared for the future.

We had our Grad cruise in September, Dry Grad is yet to be determined, our Prom is Thursday June 18th at Newlands Golf and Country Club in Langley, and the date of our commencement ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday June 24th. **For Prom, all students and their guests will have to take a charter bus from M.S.S. to and from the venue.** More details and information will be distributed throughout the coming months.

Yours truly,

Jim Pearce,

Principal

**MISSION SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATION TO**

**PARTICIPATE IN GRADUATION CEREMONIES**

**I AM AWARE OF THE SCHOOL’S EXPECTATIONS AND REGULATIONS REGARDING PARTICIPATION IN GRADUATION CEREMONIES. IF THE REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT MET, I WILL LOSE THE PRIVILEGE OF TAKING PART IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONIES.**

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Height of Student: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Student: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO MRS. PEARCE**

**IN THE COUNSELLING CENTRE \*\***