



Graduation Activities Speaker Guidelines

In preparation for the celebrations associated with graduation, we will be auditioning students for a variety of speaker slots. Speaker positions will include graduation and other ceremonies associated with commencement. Auditions for student speakers will be held on Tuesday, **February 16th** in the choir room at **2:15pm**. Sign up with Mrs. Rashid in the media center by the end of the day on **February 10th** if you plan to attend. Please consider the following if you are interested in speaking at one of these events:

Content of the Audition Speech

- Your speech should be no more than 2-3 minutes
- The entire senior class should be able to relate to your speech; do not speak to a select group of people
- Think about what your audience wants to hear and what is important to them; you can reminisce about the past, look to the future, inject humor, etc.
- The committee is looking for a balance of speeches. Make yours unique!

Your Audience

- No matter which event you are selected for, your audience will be teachers, parents, grandparents, relatives and, of course, your fellow classmates.
- Be sensitive and aware of how your words could affect any of the groups that could be in attendance at these ceremonies.

At the Auditions...

- You will be evaluated on the following: content, appropriateness of topic, and delivery (eye contact, voice, enunciation, rate of speaking, body language).
- Bring 5 typed copies of your speech to the audition for the committee members

If You Get Selected...

- Students will be notified in early March of the event and slot they have been selected for.
- Not all speaking assignments are for a speech slot. Some people will be selected to introduce guests and other speakers during the graduation ceremony.
- You will have the opportunity to alter your speech to reflect the event and speaking position you hold.
- You must submit a hard copy of your speech to the committee by the specified date to have the speech content and length approved.

Good Luck! We look forward to seeing you at the auditions!

