



### REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION ACTIVITIES

High School graduation activities are a celebration of successful completion of both provincial and locally achieved expectations. Participation in graduation activities is optional for students and considered an activity outside of instructional time and therefore is considered a privilege and not a right for students.

In keeping with our Mission and Vision of Catholic Education in Evergreen, we permeate our faith in all aspects of the educational experience, including graduation activities.

The criteria for student participation in graduation activities will be determined by the Division.

#### Procedures

1. Recognizing that all students of Evergreen Catholic Separate School Division are informed of their rights under the *Alberta Human Rights Act* as stated in Administrative Procedure 201 and have signed the registration forms acknowledging the permeation of faith in our schools, there is an expectation that graduation/commencement ceremonies involve a celebration of faith.
2. That students participating in graduation activities meet the requirement for graduation as outlined by Alberta Education in the *Guide to Education* or in the opinion of the school administration have a reasonable expectation of completing the necessary requirements for a diploma certificate.
3. That students must successfully complete 3 credits in Religious Education for each year attending high school in Evergreen Catholic Separate School Division.
4. All school fees and charges are paid in full.
5. In addition to students meeting the requirements for graduation as outlined by Alberta Education and those listed by this administrative procedure, there may be additional local considerations and requirements for students to have met in order for them to attend and participate in graduation/commencement ceremonies and activities directly related. These requirements must be clearly communicated to students and their families in writing upon registration in a high school program.
6. Requirements to participate in graduation activities may be waived by the Superintendent under exceptional circumstances necessitating individual consideration.
7. Students are expected to conduct themselves in ways that demonstrate the values and expectations of the school they represent.



8. Neither the Division nor its schools accept responsibility for any additional high school graduation activities that are not sanctioned or planned by the school.

Reference: Sections 31, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 197, 222 Education Act  
Guide to Education ECS to Grade 12  
Bill 44, Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act  
Administrative Procedure 201