

The Caldwell School Board of Trustees believes graduation exercises to be an important part of the total school program. Therefore, the high school principal and staff will plan suitable culmination activities for those graduating from high school. In an effort to be time sensitive to participants and guests, speeches will be limited in length according to the program outline. The focus of all speeches will be the school and its activities unless otherwise determined by the graduation committee and principal.

Speaker Selection

Any student in the top ten percent of the graduating class as determined by GPA, is eligible to apply to be one of two student speakers at Commencement. A committee of three teachers and three students chaired by the High School Principal will review all proposals and select the speaker(s).

The selection process should include, but not be limited to:

1. Review of all written proposal including a draft of the speech
2. Personal interviews with each applicant
3. Use of a written rating system for each proposal from each committee member.

Program Statement

The following statement will be printed on the graduation program for each district school:

The Board of Trustees of School District No. 132 neither promotes nor endorses any statements made by any person involved in the graduation ceremony. Any communication by participants in this graduation ceremony is the private expression of the individual and is not intended to reflect the opinions or beliefs of the District, the Board of Trustees, administration, or other students.



LEGAL REFERENCE:

Doe v. Madison School Dist. No. 321, 177 F.3d 789 (9th Cir. 1999)
Santa Fe Independent School Dist. v. Doe, 530 U.S. 290, 120 S. Ct. 2266 (2000)
Alder v. Duval County School Bd., 250 F.3d 1330 (11th Cir. 2001)

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