

Sparta Area School District

Article 425 - Student Commencement Speakers

Up to three graduating seniors may be selected to make a speech during the commencement ceremony. These students are chosen to represent the senior class, Sparta High School, and the district. This is an honor that should be carefully considered and approached in a serious manner.

The selection process will be as follows:

1. Any senior wishing to be considered for selection as a graduation speaker must indicate their interest in writing and submit this to a senior class advisor by March 31.
2. All graduating seniors will be allowed to express their preference by selecting (through ballot vote) up to five students who have met the first requirement. This will take place during the first week in April.
3. The five students receiving the most votes will be asked to submit a draft of their proposed speech to a high school administrator. These speeches will be reviewed anonymously by a committee made up of the senior class officers, senior class advisors, and a representative of the administration, other than the one who received the speech. Students who have submitted speeches may not participate on the selection committee. The committee may select up to three speeches to be included in commencement.
4. Students selected through the balloting process, but having significant discipline records may be taken out of consideration by decision of the high school administration and senior class advisors. Any student taken out of consideration may appeal this decision to the Board of Education at their April meeting.
5. Students selected to speak at commencement are encouraged to consult with the senior class advisors and faculty members in the development of their speech. All speeches will be subject to the approval of the senior class advisors.

Legal Reference:

Cross Reference:

Approved: April 19, 2005

Revised: