

The Council believes that the completion of the requirements for a NWT Senior Secondary School Graduation Diploma or Individual Education Plan (IEP) School Leaving Certificate should be recognized in a public manner through graduation ceremonies.

## **REGULATIONS**

- 1) Students who wish to participate in Grade 12 graduation ceremonies:
  - a) must be registered in that school in a high school program leading to a Senior Secondary School Graduation Diploma or IEP School Leaving Certificate,
  - b) must have achieved or are expected to achieve by that school year, the requirements for obtaining a Senior Secondary School Graduation Diploma or IEP School Leaving Certificate as defined by the Department of Education, Culture and Employment in the annual Senior Secondary School Administrators' Handbook., and
  - c) must have achieved a grade of 50% or more in second semester qualifying courses by an April qualification date, as defined by the school's mid-semester report card.
  
- 2) Schools must develop graduation ceremony policies or guidelines which:
  - a) advise parents and students of graduation requirements at the beginning of the grade twelve (12) school year, and
  - b) outline reporting procedures for advising students and parents on their qualification for participating in school graduation ceremonies in September, after the 1<sup>st</sup> semester course completions and after the April qualification date, and
  - c) publish the April qualification date, which will be set by the school on or about the April mid-semester report card.
  
- 3) It is recommended that schools develop a contract for each student outlining the specific graduation requirements for that student and the April qualification date. This contract would be signed by the student and parents in September of the graduation year.

Home schooled students may be permitted to participate upon review of their program/progress eligibility and approval by the local school principal.

Reference: *Senior Secondary School Administrators' Handbook*, Graduation Requirements, and Guidelines and Procedures Granting of Senior Secondary School Credits to Students on IEP's  
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