



SANBORN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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GRADUATION EVENTS STUDENT SPEAKER REQUEST

This past fall, it was announced to all seniors that Sanborn Regional High School would start a new tradition to select student speakers for graduation-related events such as Commencement, Class Day, and Scholarship Night. Speaking at one of these events is considered an honor and a privilege and is therefore reserved for the very best student speakers that our school has.

Who is eligible to apply?

All students in the Class of 2015 are encouraged to apply to be a student speaker at one of these events provided the student meets the three qualifications below.

1. The student must be in good academic standing and on track to graduate with their class (no failing course grades or IWS grades) throughout the senior year.
2. As a role model, the student may not have any major discipline infractions during their senior year (anything Level IV or above according to the student handbook is considered a major infraction) throughout the senior year.
3. Have no more than 10 unexcused* absences to school throughout the senior year. *All absences are considered unexcused unless the school has documentation for a medical issue.

What kind of speech is appropriate to submit?

Students are encouraged to submit a speech for consideration at one of the graduation-related events. When deciding what topic or topics to focus the speech on, students should consider the following question: What key message or messages would I want given to me as a graduate at this ceremony? Although there is no official minimum or maximum length, an ideal speech would be between 500-750 words and would take approximately 5-7 minutes to deliver.

When is the speech due?

Students should return this form and an electronic copy of this speech to Mr. Stack at his email address: bstack@sau17.org **NO LATER THAN** Monday, May 4 (the day after April vacation).

What process will be used to select the winning speeches?

After May 4, Mr. Stack will turn over all the speeches to a jury of faculty members who will review them. The committee will select the speeches that have the most appropriate theme or message as semi-finalists. This review will be done blindly (no student names will be attached to the speeches). From there, semi-finalist students will be asked to deliver a live version of their speech to the committee. The committee will identify the strongest public speakers and these students will be named finalists and offered the opportunity to deliver their speech at a graduation-related event. The committee will determine which speeches will be delivered at which events.

Please return this form with your speech to Mr. Stack by May 4. Speeches should be sent electronically.

Student Name: _____ Email: _____

Which graduation activity would you like your speech to be considered for (rank them 1, 2, and 3 by preference)

_____ Commencement _____ Class Day _____ Scholarship Night

Sanborn PRIDE: Personalization, ***R***isk-Taking, ***I***ntegrity, ***D***iscovery, and ***E***mpowerment

At Sanborn Regional High School we are committed to sustaining a positive environment which promotes respect, academic excellence, and pride by encouraging independent thinking within a culture of collaboration.

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