

Curriculum & Instruction 8510		Administrative Application	
Grade 12 Graduation Exercises	Last Reviewed /Approved on:	January 21, 2026	
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Preamble

The Regina Catholic School Division (RCSD) recognizes graduation exercises and masses as important celebrations of a student's successful completion of all provincial and school division requirements within a faith-based educational setting.

Graduation exercises shall reflect the spiritual and academic aspects of Catholic education and should be sensitive to family socio-economic, cultural, and personal situations. Graduation masses shall be planned in coordination with parish partners within the Archdiocese of Regina.

Definition

1. Graduation Exercises and Masses

For the purpose of this administrative application, the term "graduation exercises and masses" refers to the Mass and Awards Ceremony held in recognition of formal graduation from Grade 12 in accordance with the Ministry of Education and school division requirements.

Application

1. All high schools shall provide a graduation exercise and graduation mass for grad eligible grade 12's to be coordinated and planned by the school administration and designated staff.
2. The principal shall assure that Grade 12 students are made aware of the requirements for graduation eligibility at the beginning of the Grade 12 year and/or graduating year.
3. To be eligible to participate in graduation exercises the student must have:
 - a. Completed the provincial requirements for Grade 12 standing at the end of the current school year.
 - b. Completed Catholic Studies 30 or be currently enrolled in the class and, in the opinion of the principal, doing satisfactory work in the class in order to participate in graduation exercises.

4. Each high school principal shall inform parents/guardians of graduands of the administrative applications regarding participation in high school graduation exercises participation before April 1st.
5. Each high school principal shall provide parents/guardians of graduands all information regarding graduation activities that are part of the school sponsored and planned program.
6. Parents/guardians shall also be advised that any other activities related to graduation do not have the approval of the school or the school division.
7. Graduation exercises should be self-sustaining and graduation fees should pay for all of the related costs. Principals are to notify the planners of graduation celebrations of any issues of student and family poverty.
8. Each high school shall develop and conduct a program emphasizing safety, accessibility, and due diligence in all activities related to graduation.
9. Each high school principal shall inform parents/guardians of graduands of the expectation of student behaviour and sobriety of all attendees at all graduation activities with respect to *Administrative Application 9230 Student Conduct: Alcohol and Illicit Drugs*.