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Senior Handbook

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INTRODUCTION

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Welcome to Senior Year at Queens Gateway to Health Sciences Secondary School. We hope that your years at Queens Gateway were meaningful and rewarding. At Queens Gateway, we seek to bring parents and families into an active role in students' academic and non-academic life, and help establish a strong relationship between the home and the school. An important role in this endeavor is played by the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) of which all parents are members. The PTA President is Christopher Wong.

The purpose of this handbook is to familiarize you, your child, and family with some important information regarding senior year.

1. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to completing all the requirements for a NYS diploma, students are required to complete four years of mathematics and four years of science. The complete list of all requirements are available from the guidance counselor.

2. VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN

Valedictorian status is awarded to the student(s) earning the highest grade point average in the senior graduating class at the end of the 7th term, (for the 8th grade Moving Up ceremony, the highest average at the end of the 5th term, fall term of the 8th grade).

Salutatorian status is awarded to the student(s) earning the second highest

grade point average in the senior class at the end of the 7th term (fall term for the 8th grade).

If two students receive exactly the same grade point average, both of them will be awarded the valedictorian status and no salutatorian status will be awarded.

3. YEARBOOK

Cherish the Memories! The Yearbook represents the only complete record of this particular school year that will ever be published. This book has five purposes: it is a memory book, reference source, community builder, self-esteem booster, and educational tool. Support the Yearbook!

4. SENIOR TRIP AND PROM PARTICIPATION POLICY

In order to attend the Senior Trip or Prom, students must be academically on track to graduate. Specifically, if any student is currently failing or has failed a course needed for graduation the student will not be permitted to attend the Senior Trip or the Prom. This will be measured by a failed course in the marking period preceding the event. Please note any grade below 65 is considered a failing grade. In addition, if there is any concern for student safety, the student may be excluded from these activities.

5. GRADUATION CEREMONY ELIGIBILITY

Per NYCDOE policy, students must meet promotion/graduation requirements to participate in their school's graduation or moving-up ceremony.

In addition, a student who is already on suspension at the time of the graduation or other commencement-related activities may be prohibited from attending when he or she poses a real threat of violence or disruption to the event; the exclusion must be proportionate to the infraction committed.

6. GRADUATION REHEARSAL

All seniors must attend graduation rehearsal. Students cannot participate in graduation ceremonies if not present at rehearsal. Additional information regarding graduation procedures (caps and gowns, tickets, venue, processional, diploma distribution, etc.) will be provided in a timely manner.

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