

DELONE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

COMMENCEMENT PHILOSOPHY AND EXPECTATIONS

PHILOSOPHY

Graduation is a time of celebration. The week of graduation provides organized opportunities for exuberance, socializing and open expressions of joy. These may include activities such as Baccalaureate, Senior Awards and the Senior Cruise. In addition to these activities, a special ceremony will take place—Commencement.

The Commencement ceremony is the formal recognition of the students' accomplishments, both collectively and individually, and a time for parents, relatives and staff to observe the graduates being honored. As such, it is necessary that the ceremony be a dignified and formal celebration as befits the occasion.

Therefore, the purposes of the Commencement ceremony at Delone Catholic High School are to:

- Provide, in a dignified way, an environment where each graduate is given the respect that he/she deserves;
- Recognize the strong efforts of those who achieve at the highest levels;
- Provide an opportunity for selected students to share thoughts with those in attendance concerning their high school years;
- Affirm the encouragement and support given the graduates by the adult community, especially parents and staff;
- Recognize the unique contributions of the class;
- Recognize each student individually by reading his/her name, so that it is heard by all present, whether it begins with A or Z.

EXPECTATIONS

1. This is a school activity where all school rules and policies are in effect. This behavior expectation is a tradition at Delone Catholic High School.
2. Only students exhibiting proper behavior for the remainder of the year, prior to, and during the Commencement Ceremony will be allowed to participate in and throughout the ceremony. Students must meet Commencement attire standards in order to participate. For boys, appropriate attire includes a shirt and tie, dress pants, dress shoes and socks, in addition to the cap and gown. For girls, a dress or skirt and dress shoes, in addition to the cap and gown.
3. The Commencement Ceremony will only be conducted with appropriate decorum. We sincerely hope the ceremony will not need to be paused and/or discontinued. We ask that all applause and celebratory noise be held until all students have received their diplomas. After all the diplomas have been conferred, there will be time to celebrate the graduates' accomplishments. Spectators are asked to refrain from inappropriate outbursts or disturbances, which would detract from or disrupt the ceremony. If spectators or graduates bring items that may be thrown, create sound, or cause any type of distraction from the ceremony, it will result in that person's removal from the ceremony. These items include but are not limited to beach balls, air horns, tissue paper rolls, caps, horns, cowbells, etc.

