

MERRITT SECONDARY SCHOOL GRADUATION CELEBRATION

(September 2017)



GRADUATION ELIGIBILITY

(A) Who will be enrolled as a grade 12 student in September?

Only students who have the possibility of fulfilling Ministry of Education graduation requirements by the end of the school year, and within the confines of the regular timetable. Students taking distance education courses to meet the ministry requirements and are not under the supervision of a MSS teacher will be enrolled as grade 11 students.

(B) Who participates in the graduation ceremony?

Students who have the possibility of fulfilling the Ministry of Education graduation requirements as of the Monday, four weeks prior to the ceremony date may participate. During the 2017/2018 school year that date is May 28th. Students must be passing (with 50%) their semester two or their linear courses by this date. Extensions may be given at the discretion of the principal.

Students who will receive a School Leaving Certificate must have met the requirements and goals as established in their Individual Education Plan.

Any student who has seriously violated our Code of Conduct may not be allowed to participate in our graduation ceremony, or in the graduation dance. An example would be attending an event under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

(C) Graduation Lists

The official list of students eligible to take part in the school graduation ceremonies will be posted and mailed home three times during the school year.

- 1st posting – November
- 2nd posting – Early semester 2, takes into consideration courses failed from semester one
- Final posting – The week of May 28th

Students should check the lists to ensure the correct spelling of their names so that the grad program and grad certificates are correct. Corrections should be submitted to the office as soon as they are noticed and at the latest a day or two after the final posting of the grad list.

Students who are taking distance courses outside of our timetable must apply to be added to the 3rd and final Grad List by May 14th. To be on the final list, Grads must have passed all required semester one courses, and semester two or linear courses must be appropriately completed with a passing grade. For example, distance courses should be at least 3/4 completed and marked before the final posting of the grad list. Each of these examples requires a reportable grade for the work completed, so students should not be handing in the work on deadline day as the distance schools need time for marking.

(D) Appeals

Students, staff, or parents may ask for an individual student to be put on the Grad List due to exceptional circumstances. A written request must be provided to the Principal three weeks prior to the grad ceremony explaining the circumstances.

Students are permitted to attend only one MSS graduation ceremony. **The ceremony will occur the weekend before the last week of school. For the 2017/18 school year that date is June 22nd.**