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## POLICY

1. The Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board shall support Grade 8 Graduation celebrations that are faith-based, age appropriate, family-oriented and financially within reach of ALL families.
2. The Board shall require students to attend class until the last day of school.

## PROCEDURES

**(Approved by the Board on June 27, 2005 and effective September 1, 2005.)**

1. Graduation celebrations shall be school functions and shall be directed by the Principal who shall work in conjunction with the school and parish communities in the planning of this event.
  - a. Celebrations shall be simple, age-appropriate, faith-based and family-oriented.
  - b. A mass or a paraliturgy shall be included in the ceremony.
  - c. Graduation awards shall be presented at a ceremony to be held in the school gym, church/K of C hall, or other moderately priced location. The event shall be financially within reach of ALL families involved.
  - d. Extravagances such as limousines and formal attire shall be discouraged as they are neither appropriate nor acceptable at this age level.
  - e. No alcohol shall be served.

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