

TITLE: GRADUATION AND COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES AND AWARDS

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1.0 OBJECTIVE

To establish system guidelines for graduation and commencement exercises and awards.

2.0 POLICY

- 2.1 The Board supports annual formal graduation or commencement exercises in each secondary school for all students who have satisfied the conditions to graduate as prescribed by the Ministry of Education.
- 2.2 The principal of each secondary school shall be responsible for arranging the graduation or commencement exercises.
- 2.3 No cash awards shall be given from Board funds.
- 2.4 The cost of awards to be presented to secondary students who attain an average of 90 per cent or over shall be borne by the Board.
- 2.5 Trophies, medals, and other prizes for presentation at graduation exercises in secondary schools shall be left to the discretion of the principal, in consultation with the donor or donors, as appropriate.
- 2.6 The Board recommends that celebrations to mark promotion from elementary to secondary school be age-appropriate.
- 2.7 The Director of Education is authorized to issue such procedures as may be necessary to implement this policy.

3.0 REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Board Procedure PR.527.SCO: Graduation and Commencement Exercises and Awards