



# 5392 A

## Special Issuance of Diplomas

**Regulation 5392 A**

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### **I. PURPOSE**

A high school diploma is a significant mark of passage in our society. For students whose lives are cut short prior to their graduation the posthumous issuance and award of a high school diploma may be a welcome recognition by the School District of the student's achievements to the student's surviving family. For students whose health prevents them from completing graduation requirements due to a terminal illness or condition, a special issuance of a high school diploma may also be a welcome gesture of recognition to the student and the student's family.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF REGULATION**

- A. A principal or site administrator may propose the special issuance of a diploma for a student who dies during their senior year of high school who was on track for graduation at the time of her or his death. Presentation of the diploma shall be arranged with the student's surviving family.
- B. A principal or site administrator may propose the special issuance of a diploma for a student who is terminally ill during their senior year of high school who was on track for graduation at the inception of their illness. Presentation of the diploma shall be arranged with the student and his or her family.
- C. A principal or site administrator shall determine from the student and the family if such a gesture will be welcome prior to arranging for the creation of the diploma.
- D. Proposals for special issuance of Diplomas will be made to the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee, who shall determine whether the diploma will be issued and presented.

#### ***Legal References:***

Minn. Stat. § 120B.02 (Educational Expectations for Minnesota's Students)  
Minn. Stat. § 120B.024 (Graduation Requirements: Course Credits)  
Minn. Stat. § 123A.06 (Center Programs and Services)  
Minn. Stat. § 124D.03 (Enrollment Options Program)  
Minn. Stat. § 125A.04 (High School Diploma)

#### ***Cross References:***

MPS Policy 5390 (Graduation Ceremonies)  
MPS Policy 5391 (Graduation Requirements)

MPS Regulation 5392 A (Special Issuance of Diplomas)  
MPS Regulation 5392 B (Year of Diploma)