TALBOT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS EASTON, MD 21601 POLICY CODE 9.33-AR

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#### GRADUATION EXERCISES - AR

### I. Mid-Year Graduation

A. Each high school <u>may</u> develop mid-year graduation programs (with student/parent input and Principals approval) for those students who meet all graduation requirements who also have received approval by March 30<sup>th</sup> from the Superintendent for waiver of the 4 year enrollment requirement. Waiver of the 4 year enrollment requirement <u>may</u> be granted in accordance with state law when a student: a) plans to be and is accepted for early admission into an approved post secondary education program; b) wants to go to work or into military service.

Whether or not formal mid-year graduation ceremonies are conducted will depend in part on the anticipated number of mid-year graduates.

### **II.** Verification Guidelines

- A. Guidance will certify that graduating juniors or min-year seniors who have had their 4<sup>th</sup> year enrollment requirement waived meet all conditions for the approved waiver prior to receiving a diploma.
- B. Before diplomas are ordered, guidance will certify with each graduation student exactly what name should appear on his/her diploma full legal name (middle name must be spelled out), initialed by student.
- C. Guidance will certify each student who could possibly receive a Certificate of Merit, using the same format as for diplomas.
- D. Guidance will certify each student who will receive a Certificate of Attendance (again same format).

## III. Extended/Evening Highs School Graduates

A. Because Extended/Evening High School graduates receive an Easton High School Diploma, these graduates may participate in regular Easton High School graduation ceremonies (Coordinated through Director of Extended/Evening High School.

# **IV.** Student Conduct During Graduation Ceremonies

A. In accordance with student Policy Codes 10.14, 10.15, 10.22 and 10.23 each school will establish reasonable standards for dress and conduct during graduation ceremonies. Students who do not meet the standards will be excused from graduation exercises.

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