

R 5851 SPECIAL SENIOR ACTIVITIES (SENIOR PROM AND  
PROJECT GRADUATION)

Senior Prom

A. Transportation:

1. Ridgewood High School seniors and their guests are not allowed to drive themselves to the Senior Prom. Transportation may be provided by: 1) any adult driver over the age of twenty-five not attending the Prom, 2) contracted service, or 3) district-provided bus. Senior attendees must provide proof of transportation in advance.
2. The school district will provide bus transportation for seniors who are unable to secure appropriate transportation to the Senior Prom. Transportation will be provided from Ridgewood High School to the activity, and from the activity to Ridgewood High School.
3. Approved chaperones will be provided on all buses for the Senior Prom.

B. Supervision:

1. The high school administration will provide adequate supervision and chaperonage for the Ridgewood High School Senior Prom. This will include, but not be limited to, an administrator, class advisor, an appropriate number of faculty chaperones, and a police officer.

C. Attendance:

1. The Ridgewood High School Senior Prom is a special senior activity. It is considered a privilege and is reserved for those graduating seniors who have maintained good attendance, academic standing and behavioral standards determined by the administration.
2. Pre-graduation activities, including the Senior Prom, are subject to all district and high school policies and procedures as a Ridgewood High School sponsored activity or event. The district substance abuse policy will be in full effect.
3. Approved non-Ridgewood High School escorts to the Senior Prom are subject to all procedures and policies referred to above.



## Project Graduation

### A. Transportation:

1. Ridgewood High School graduates attending Project Graduation activities must ride the buses provided by Project Graduation to and from the dinner dance. Approved chaperones will be provided on all buses. Graduates provide their own transportation to Benjamin Franklin Middle School (or alternate site) activities after their return to Ridgewood High School and must arrive at Benjamin Franklin Middle School (or alternate site) by a pre-determined time. Graduates must attend the dinner dance activity in order to attend Project Graduation activities at Benjamin Franklin Middle School (or alternate site).

### B. Supervision:

1. The Ridgewood High School administration will provide adequate supervision for Project Graduation activities including the dinner dance and activities at Benjamin Franklin Middle School (or alternate site). This will include an administrator, faculty chaperones, parent chaperones and police officers. The appropriate number of chaperones will be determined by the Ridgewood High School Project Graduation Committee and the high school administration.

### C. Attendance:

1. The Ridgewood High School Project Graduation activity is a special senior activity. It is considered a privilege and is reserved for those graduating seniors who have maintained good attendance, academic standing and behavioral standards determined by the administration.
2. Post-graduation Project Graduation activities are subject to participation standards established by the district administration and the parent organizations involved. Once graduation is concluded, graduates are adults who have voluntarily agreed to abide by the participation standards expected at Project Graduation activities. As with any violation while attending a public school district event, graduates will be treated as adults, including the possibility of exclusion and/or referral to police.
3. The following seniors will be eligible to participate in Project Graduation activities:



PUPILS

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- a. Pupils who have completed all Ridgewood High School graduation requirements and have participated in the Ridgewood High School Graduation ceremony.
  - b. Pupils who have completed all Ridgewood High School graduation requirements and have chosen not to participate in the Ridgewood High School Graduation ceremony.
  - c. Pupils who will earn a Ridgewood High School diploma by completing graduation requirements by the end of summer school directly following the year of graduation.
  - d. Special education seniors who will be continuing with their education until the age of twenty-one in accordance with their IEPs.
- D. Project Graduation chairpersons will maintain the primary role in the design, planning and preparation of Project Graduation activities. The chairpersons, along with the Ridgewood High School administration, will work collaboratively on issues related to safety and security for all events following graduation at the high school. The school administration will have the ultimate responsibility regarding any safety or security issues.

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