

Hillsdale Community Schools
Hillsdale, Michigan



Hillsdale Community Schools is proud to select you as a student speaker for this year's commencement ceremony. The District's high school principal will review a draft of your speech and propose revisions; however, the District will not retain editorial control over your speech, subject to the following content-neutral guidelines and in accordance with applicable law.

1. Your speech will be limited to minutes and will be delivered only by you.
(determined by # of speakers)
2. Audiovisual aids – including but not limited to auditory clips, posters, and PowerPoint slides – are prohibited.
3. Your speech should meaningfully reflect your time at the District and its academic mission.
4. You may include quotations with attributions, but your speech, as a whole, must be an original work.
5. Uplifting and celebratory themes are encouraged.
6. The District will not preclude religious themes, references, or Bible quotes. It is important, however, to be mindful of the diversity of opinions that may exist in the audience with respect to religion.
7. The District will not preclude political themes or related advocacy. It is important, however, to be mindful of the broad array of opinions that may exist in the audience with respect to political issues.
8. Vulgarities, profanities, obscenities, hate speech, racial epithets, and threats of violence are prohibited.
9. Failure to comply with any of the above may result in the muting or disconnection of your microphone.
10. Although the District is reviewing your speech, the views expressed in your speech belong to you and may be but are not necessarily shared by the District.