

Cascade High School Class of 2026 | Graduation Speaker Application & Timeline

The privilege of applying to deliver a speech at graduation is open to all graduating seniors. Interested seniors must adhere to the timeline outlined below. All candidates who meet the specified criteria will have to present their speeches to the selection committee and staff.

You will need to find a faculty advisor to help you practice and compose your speech – this will be your go to person before your audition. They will need to sign this form for the application to be accepted.

Criteria for Evaluating Speeches:

1. **Sincerity** - The authenticity and genuine expression of the speaker.
2. **Organization** - The clear structure and logical flow of the speech.
3. **Voice** - The quality, clarity, and modulation of the speaker's voice.
4. **Originality** - The uniqueness and creativity of the content.
5. **Appropriateness** - The relevance and suitability of the speech to the audience and occasion.
6. **Delivery** - The effectiveness of the speaker's presentation, including body language, eye contact, and overall engagement.

Timeline	
	Applications available in Mrs. Porter's office and online
April 3 rd	Application and rough draft of speech are DUE to Mrs. Porter in her office or can be dropped off in her mailbox. IMPORTANT: Applications must be stapled to the front of the rough draft AND must include both a parent signature and a faculty advisor signature in order to be accepted.
Until April 16 th	Practice speech with faculty advisor.
April 17 th	Present speech in Career Center after school (audition).
April 27 th – May 1 st	Meeting with Ms. Vafaezadeh to review speech
May 18 th – 22 nd	Meeting with Ms. Vafaezadeh to review speech
May 27 th	Final revisions of speeches due to Mrs. Vafaezadeh via google docs. Changes to scripts after this time will require approval.
June 11 th & 12 th	Practice speeches with Mrs. Vafaezadeh

***Dates are subject to change**

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Fill out and return with a rough draft of speech attached – **Due to Mrs. Porter's office or mailbox by March 13th**

_____ Name	_____ Student ID #	_____ Phone Number
_____ Student Signature		_____ Date
_____ Parent Signature		_____ Date
_____ Faculty Advisor Signature		_____ Date