

The senior year for students is one which culminates their high school experience both academically and socially. As the close of their school experience approaches, some senior students have taken liberties and engaged in activities which have been detrimental to themselves, individually, and to the reputation of the school and community. Negative behaviors have caused damage, resulting in financial losses to the school and local individuals/businesses. At the same time, these actions have placed these students at risks of a physical and legal nature.

In order to stress the importance of responsible behavior, the Warren Hills School District has developed a policy which we hope will impress upon our students the seriousness of responsible behaviors and the consequences of inappropriate decisions. Any student violating the attached policy and regulation will be prohibited from participating in the graduation ceremony and culminating senior activities.

Please discuss this regulation with your child and stress the importance of good citizenship and responsible behaviors. As a school, we want all of our students to experience one of the most memorable periods of their lives.

## **POLICY #5460.1**

## **GRADUATION**

### **Board of Education Warren Hills Regional**

#### Senior Participation

The Warren Hills Regional Board of Education strives to instill a sense of citizenship and responsibility in all students, especially our seniors. The behavior of the senior class students is a prerequisite for participation in the graduation ceremony and culminating senior experiences. The superintendent will establish regulations that will delineate the district's requirements for participation in ceremonies based on academics and behavior.

## Administrative Regulation to Explain Policy

The following criteria will determine if a member of the senior class will be permitted to participate in culminating senior activities, including but not limited to the graduation ceremony.

1. Students must have earned or be eligible to achieve 135 academic credits, including all core required courses, as determined by the State of New Jersey and the Warren Hills Regional School District.
2. Students involved in any act of vandalism or “Senior Prank” directed at the schools or community will be excluded from participation.
3. Students committing an act of violence against another student will be excluded from participation.
4. Students will be expected to adhere to the school’s code of conduct at all times. Senior students who receive an out of school suspension as prescribed in the student code of conduct, effective or after May 1<sup>st</sup>, will be excluded for participation.