

# GWCS SENIOR GRADUATION SPEECH GUIDELINES

1. Yes, every GWCS graduate writes and delivers a speech at graduation. At the very least, you need to thank your parent/s or guardian/s.
2. The best use of a graduation speech is to convey a single, important lesson you have learned, to discuss a significant and meaningful event in your school career, or to explain what graduating means to you.
3. There is no need to thank each one of the staff members. We know you love us. If you have a specific staff member whose influence you would like to mention, that's fine, but if you want to thank all of the staff members, you don't need to name us by name. Just thank the GWCS Staff.
4. Font Size: Big font is better – Arial 14-point font is recommended. You will look up at the audience and then back at your speech. A small font may make it difficult to find where you left off.
5. Double Spaced. For the same reason as font size, double space your speech to make it easier to follow along and find where you left off.
6. Speech Length: Speeches should be around 2 minutes or less. That's about 250-500 words.
7. If you really need more time, take it, but be aware that if everyone does this, we will be sitting there forever. Be considerate.



**Senior Graduation speeches should be printed and submitted to**

**Ms. Warden by 9:00 am the Monday before graduation!**

**Ms. Warden will proof and approve your speech.**