BACCULUARATE POLICY

Each year, the senior graduating class may arrange with a local church, organization, or with GPS by building use the GPS Event Center, to hold traditional Baccalaureate religious services. No religious services shall be conducted during regular school hours.

The Senior Class officers and sponsors shall call for and conduct a senior class meeting to select a site, date, and time to conduct such service.

This meeting shall be conducted annually before the end of the first semester.

The program, site, speakers, and all related functions/activities shall be determined by popular vote of the senior class. Eligibility to vote shall be for any persons classified as a senior that is eligible for graduation at the end of the spring semester following this meeting.

Cap and gown that will be worn for the upcoming graduation exercise shall be appropriate dress on any service conducted on school property and highly recommended for off campus ceremonies. Any ornament on the cap or gown for Baccalaureate services shall be up to the senior class but should be appropriate for religious services. Exposed clothing-grooming-areas not covered by cap or gown shall be determined by the senior class at the planning meeting. Class should be dressed consistently.

Gore Schools shall not mandate, preside over, or hold authority over any religious ceremonies conducted for or on behalf of any class or organization associated with GPS off school grounds. Hosting facility/organization shall dictate allowable conduct and agenda.