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THE AWARDING OF POSTHUMOUS HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS

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Criteria for Consideration

- **Senior Status:** The student must have been enrolled in their senior year at the time of their passing.
- **Academic Progress:** The student should have demonstrated satisfactory academic progress leading up to their passing, as determined by the high school administration.
- **Character and Contribution:** The student's positive contributions to the school community, including but not limited to, involvement in extracurricular activities, leadership roles, and volunteer work, should be considered.
- **Circumstances of Death:** The circumstances surrounding the student's death will be taken into account, with sensitivity and discretion.

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In addition to the considerations listed in the policy, the following administrative regulations shall guide our practice.

- **Nomination:** Family members, school staff, or community members may nominate a deceased senior for consideration of an honorary diploma.
- **Review and Decision:** The high school principal will review nominations and assess eligibility based on the established criteria. The principal may consult with relevant stakeholders, such as teachers, counselors, and the student's family, as appropriate.
- **Approval:** If the principal determines that the student meets the criteria for an honorary diploma, they will seek approval from the Superintendent of Schools or designee.
- **Presentation:** Upon approval, the honorary diploma will be awarded at an appropriate school ceremony, such as graduation or a separate recognition event. The diploma will be presented to the student's family or designated representative, with dignity and respect.