



Dear Parent,

Your student may be affected by legislation which was signed into law on May 8, 2007, by Governor Perry. This law allows for special education students that have attended high school for four or more years to participate in commencement exercises, regardless of whether they are actually graduating this year. Please note that this does not mean that your child will actually graduate at this time. Actual graduation is still determined by fulfillment of TEA and Katy ISD criteria or factors determined by your student's ARD committee. It is important to note that this law allows your student to participate in commencement with the group of students that he or she began high school with four years ago, but this will be the only commencement services your student may be entitled to under this law. Put another way, the student may participate in only one graduation ceremony or commencement service. A Certificate of Attendance may be prepared for your student.

Please let us know if your student will be participating in the commencement exercises in June, 2009 and returning to MRHS in August to complete graduation requirements. After completion of the TEA and Katy ISD criteria or factors determined by your student's ARD committee, the student will be able to receive a diploma.

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- My student **will** participate in commencement exercises.
  - My student **will not** participate in commencement exercises.

Signed:

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Parent                      Print Name                      Date

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Parent Signature

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Student Name Printed

Date Parent Contacted: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name & Position: \_\_\_\_\_