

Agenda Item B - 2014 Summer Graduation Ceremony

Background

Each month the Mineola ISD Board of Trustees recognizes success of students and/or staff members. This month we have six summer graduates we are honoring by publicly awarding them high school diplomas. Two of the graduates completed their high school requirements during the summer, and four of the students completed their work through the Mineola Learning Center. The students are:

Kendall Boyd

Andrew McKinney

Mark Nevarez

Dillon Richardson

Kaitlyn Rodriguez

Jacob Wheeler

MINEOLA LEARNING CENTER

Mineola ISD's Learning Center (MLC) is designed to provide an alternative educational program (AEP) for those students who have experienced special challenges in the regular educational program. Students who are short of credits, who have had a prolonged absence from public education, or whose life situations have made it necessary for an accelerated graduation are the prime candidates for MLC.

Most of the students in MLC are attending by request. The administration receives his or her request and evaluates his or her transcript. Consideration is given to special circumstances to determine the best educational placement of the student. A few, due to lack of credits or lack of continuous schooling, are administratively placed into the MLC until they either graduate or catch up with their classmates.

MLC offers a wide curriculum that meets the needs of a variety of students. Students progress at their own pace, mainly through a software program called PLATO. Upon completion of all credits and passing of all state mandated assessments, students are provided a graduation ceremony before the MISD school board.

Mineola High School Principal, David Sauer, plans to certify four MLC students who have met the requirements for certification.

No Action will be taken by the trustees; however, the board president will award a diploma to each student following the principal's certification and the superintendent's declaration. All board members present will participate in the ceremony.