

## **AWARDING OF HONORARY DIPLOMA**

The Office of School Counseling coordinates the Traumatic Loss Teams and serves to support families, schools, and communities during their time of loss. For this reason, special conditions related to the awarding of diplomas for students who die while in high school need to be defined.

Students who are enrolled as seniors in good standing (defined as having the credits necessary to be considered a senior and enrolled in the school) as of July 1 in the year they were to be a senior, are to be awarded a honorary diploma. The honorary diploma may be awarded at the graduation ceremony or privately, depending on the agreement between the school and the family.

The diploma will be honorary because it will be awarded posthumously; however, it will not be different from the school diploma. It should be ordered when all diplomas are ordered using the processes currently in place to order diplomas. Schools should note on the graduation list and student transcript that the honorary diploma was awarded posthumously.