

Figure 2.10: Graduation Story Template

What's Your Graduation Story?

Name: _____ (optional, but transparency is appreciated)

Congratulations on your pending graduation! This is your final writing assignment as a high school student. You will receive completion credit for your response. Your work will not be graded and may be anonymous if you so choose.

We want to become a better school for our students, and we believe we can learn from your experiences.

Please tell us your graduation story. Here, you'll see nine questions. Please choose at least five questions, and respond to them with a one- to two-page (or more) essay, video, or piece of art—your voice, your choice. Thank you for your honest feedback.

1. What was your greatest challenge to learning and graduating?
2. When times were tough, who or what gave you hope?
3. What kept you engaged in school?
4. Was there something that was important for us to understand about your life, but we never knew it? If so, could you tell us about it and how we could have better supported you?
5. Do you have a suggestion for improving the student experience or the way we support students at our high school? If so, what is it?
6. Did you ever consider dropping out? If so, what changed your mind?
7. What is your favorite memory from high school?
8. What do you consider your greatest accomplishment so far?
9. What are your plans next, and where do you see yourself in five years?