

1 The Transylvania County Board of Education (the "Board") recognizes the importance placed by
2 the North Carolina General Statutes of North Carolina place on a uniform school term of 180 185
3 student attendance days for instructing pupils. All students, including seniors, shall attend school
4 for 185 180 days each school year. The Board may request exceptions to this requirement from
5 the State Board of Education consistent with applicable state law. Exceptions could be requested
6 by the local Board of Education to the State Board of Education for hazardous weather
7 conditions, natural disasters, or other emergencies.

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9 The date of graduation exercises shall be established annually on April 1 except when April 1 is
10 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, in which case the date shall be established on the Friday prior to
11 April 1. Graduation may be set for two days after the last pupil student attendance day, or at any
12 time thereafter as determined by each senior class. The date for of graduation exercises shall be
13 announced by the Superintendent/designee Director of Curriculum and Instruction.

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15 Exceptional students must declare on or before the end middle of the second six weeks grading
16 period their intent for the spring semester. With parental approval, second semester seniors may
17 choose an abbreviated school day. If an abbreviated day consists of two (2) or more periods,
18 then the student must be in class for consecutive periods unless waived by the principal or
19 designee (1-2, 2-3, 3-4, 1-2-3, or 2-3-4). Seniors meeting all graduation requirements at the end
20 of the fall semester of their senior year may choose not to enroll for the spring semester.

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22 Legal Reference: N.C.G.S. N. C. Gen. Stat. § 115C-84.2

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