

Class of 2020 COMMENCEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Because we are in an outdoor setting, practicing social distancing and limiting the activity to 25 people or less, you are not required to wear a mask.

Due to social distancing regulations, the Class of 2020 will not practice for the May 29th graduation ceremony. Instead a video will be created for you to review prior to graduation.

Graduates must be aware of the following stipulations and suggestions regarding dress if they expect to participate with their classmates in Commencement.

Boys- **Casual pants with a white shirt and tie is appropriate but not required. Dress shirts of a color are also acceptable.**

No shorts, blue jeans or any other jeans; no sneakers, tennis shoes, work boots, sandals or flip flops. Suits are not necessary.

Girls- **A dress, skirt or dress pants and a blouse are the suggested attire.**

No jeans; no sneakers, tennis shoes or flip flops.

*The following information is in the California High School Student Handbook, and all aspects of the Board Approved regulations will be enforced:

Commencement

Commencement is the culminating activity for seniors who complete all the requirements for graduation in advance. Historically, commencement has been a formal ceremony with due consideration for uniformity and conduct. Seniors who are eligible to participate in Commencement do so with the understanding that they agree to follow all dress, appearance and procedural rules and regulations. Students who fail to follow the dress, appearance, and / or procedural rules and regulations shall forfeit their opportunity to participate in Commencement.

Dress for Commencement shall be as uniform as possible. School officials will enforce the school dress code. Appropriate clothing of a formal or semi- formal attire is encouraged. Students may not wear work boots, flip flops, shorts or any type of shorts apparel, pajamas, sweat pants, tank tops or t-shirts.

Cap / Gown

1. Have your gown pressed/ironed
2. Wear your tassel over your right eye; everyone together will hang the tassel to the left when the Superintendent says, "At this time, I do hereby declare the Class of 2020 graduated."
3. Scholar medals and cords are to be worn around the neck.
4. Athletic or academic medals and rings are permitted.
5. Val/Sal Medals will be presented during the ceremony.

All graduation requirements must be complete prior to Commencement in order to participate in this ceremony. Other than academic requirements this includes but is not limited to the cleaning out of one's locker, the paying of all debts and fines, the return of all school owned materials, the serving of all detentions and the participation in commencement practices.

GENERAL STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMENCEMENT

1. *Practice presentation of diploma-Receive diploma with our left hand and shake with your right hand.*
2. *Wear you tassel over your right eye.*

Class Sponsors: Mrs. Reposky and Mr. Webb

Decorating Graduation Cap

Please take into consideration the following rules when decorating your graduation cap. Failure to follow these rules will result in the removal of the cap at the ceremony. Students WILL NOT be allowed to participate in the ceremony without a cap and gown.

NO

- Contain any advertisement, symbols, abbreviations, initials, words, slogans, patches, or pictures that: Refer to drugs or controlled substances, tobacco, alcohol, or weapons or be of a sexual nature.
- Denote an affiliation with gangs or which advocate drug use, violence, illegal activity, or disruptive behavior which is detrimental to the safety and welfare of other students.
- Be obscene, profane, vulgar, or lewd.
- Include numbers other than the graduation year.
- Threaten the safety and welfare of any person.
- Only the flat, top area of the mortar board may be decorated. There may be nothing hanging down from any of the sides of the cap.
- Decorations must be flat on the surface of the cap. 3-D creations are prohibited.
- Make sure items are secure and not falling off. This includes excessive glitter. In fact glitter is just **not** a good idea.
- Do not use anything that makes noise
- No objects such as signs, stuffed animals, bells, flowers or any 3D object.
- Graduation caps will be reviewed and approved in advance of the ceremony.

YES

It is appropriate to put the following on your cap.

- Thank a parent, grandparent, teacher, friend
- Recognize the university you will be attending
- Graduation year
- The branch of the military you will be joining

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- Be prepared to be told you cannot walk in the ceremony if your mortar board is not approved.

Congratulations!

Mrs. Folmar