

# CLASS OF 2023

*“It starts with us...”*

## SENIOR ACTIVITIES HANDBOOK



**CLOVIS EAST HIGH SCHOOL**

Reagan Educational Center

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This handbook is designed to provide information regarding end-of-the-year activities. The Clovis East staff looks forward, with excitement, to the senior activities for the Class of 2023, culminating with Graduation at Lamonica Stadium on Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 7:30pm.

All senior activities and the graduation ceremony are considered a privilege. Activities such as Grad Nite, Senior Lunch, and Sober Grad are considered extra senior activities, in addition to the baccalaureate and graduation ceremonies. Students must be in good standing by meeting all graduation requirements and clearing all financial and disciplinary obligations to participate in senior activities and the graduation ceremony.

The students and staff have spent countless hours planning these events and making this information available to you. Clovis East High School sponsored activities are intended to gather the senior class, in their final weeks, for fellowship and traditional ceremonies such as Baccalaureate and Graduation. We encourage parents and friends to participate with us in the various upcoming events.

The event descriptions are provided for seniors and their parents to give in-depth information regarding important senior activities. Event dates & times are subject to change.

If you have any questions regarding any of the activities, please contact the Activities Office at (559) 327-4318. Thank you for your continued hard work. We are proud of all you have accomplished.

**Once a T-Wolf, ALWAYS a T-Wolf because**  
*Wolfpack Means Family*

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*All Senior Activities are subject to change. Please check the website for updates to the handbook.*

# Senior Guidelines

## School/ District Policy

All Clovis East and Clovis Unified codes and policies will be enforced during all senior activities. The Graduation and Baccalaureate ceremonies are Class of 2023 activities. These activities are not intended to draw attention to any one individual or group. Proper behavior is expected at all times. Any violation of these policies may result in exclusion from some or all senior activities. It is expected that Seniors will show the maturity and knowledge gained through their tenure at Clovis East and follow all school and district policies through each extra activity, including graduation practice and the graduation ceremony.

## Dress Code

The hair/dress code policies will be in effect for all activities. Failure to comply with the dress code policy will result in removal from one or more senior activities, including the Graduation ceremony. Each senior activity may have special dress code conditions. Please refer to the description of each activity for special dress code information. For any questions regarding appropriate dress, you may contact the Activities Office or the Deputy Principal's office. Note: To be issued a cap and gown, a student must meet the Clovis Unified School District hair/dress code requirements and have their physical student ID card in hand.

## School Materials & Equipment / Outstanding Obligations

All school materials and equipment must be returned, and any outstanding obligations must be addressed by the student and/or parents. Books, uniforms, laptops, hotspots, and other District items loaned to students must be returned. Parents / students may deliver payment for any item missing or damaged or for other items before school, during lunch, or after school with the Financial Secretary in the main office. Library books and textbooks must be returned and payments for missing or damaged items can be cleared in the library before school, during lunch, or after school.

Parents may contact the Deputy Principal or Financial Secretary with any questions regarding outstanding obligations or to make alternative arrangements to resolve those. *Note: Personal checks for payments will not be accepted after April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023.* The deadline for senior obligations to be paid is May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, by 4:00pm.

## Discipline Obligations

All seniors must be in good standing to participate in all senior activities, Graduation practices, and the Graduation ceremony. Unserved detentions or any other uncleared consequences must be cleared by May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. Please contact the Student Services Office for any questions at 559.327.4155.

## Senior White Card Day

Senior White Card Day is Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. Seniors who fail to earn sufficient credits to satisfy all CUSD graduation requirements will be notified, as will their parents/guardians. Those seniors will not be allowed to participate in any senior activities, including Grad Nite, Baccalaureate, and Graduation ceremonies.

## Diplomas

At the Graduation ceremony, seniors will be handed a blank diploma case. When they pick up their personal items at the graduate exit area (see details on page 13), they will then receive their diploma. Any Graduate who throws their cap or disrupts the ceremony in any way will face appropriate consequences and will not receive their diploma that night. Cap and gown will be confiscated, and graduate will be escorted off the premises. The school will determine when during the summer and under what conditions the diploma will ultimately be given.

## Students: Stay Informed

All Seniors should frequently monitor the Class of 2023 Google Classroom (join code rhf7yxs). Please turn notifications on through the Google Classroom app on your mobile device.

## Major School Events – Semester Two

Please note that all events and activities are subject to change at the direction of the Clovis Unified School District Governing Board, Fresno County Department of Public Health, State of California, or other agency.

*Senior Activities that are mandatory are denoted with \*\*.*

DATE	EVENT
12/01-12/02	Graduate Services in Library Classroom for Cap & Gown Orders
12/17	CE Winter Formal
12/20-12/22	Semester 1 Finals
12/26-1/09	Winter Break – No School
1/13	Grad Nite Deposit (\$50) DUE [Total trip cost (\$210) due 3/3]
1/24	National Compliment Day
2/08	Senior Class Speaker Application and Speech DUE
2/18	Sadie Hawkins Dance
2/21	Senior Parent Meeting in LLH at 5:30pm
3/03	Grad Nite Final Balance DUE (\$160)
3/06-3/14	March Madness
3/14	**Senior Meetings in LLH during Gov/Econ classes
3/27-3/31	Spirit Jam Spirit Week
3/28	Powder Puff Game
4/14	CE Food Fair CE Talent Show
4/17	**Senior Breakfast & Meeting
4/29	Junior/Senior Prom
5/1-5/12	AP Exams
5/3-5/4	Senior Checkout Forms Distributed in Gov/Econ Classes
5/05	Grad Nite Medication Form / Labeled Medication Due to Health Office
5/08	CSF Banquet
5/09	Military Signing Day
5/11	Scholarship Night
5/18-5/19	Senior Final Exams
5/22	**ALL Senior Obligations must be cleared by 4:00pm Senior White Card Day Senior Final Makeups Food Fair
5/23	**Senior Farewell Rally Senior Yearbook Distribution
5/24	**Senior Checkout **Cap & Gown Distribution
5/25	**Graduation Practice #1 / Senior Meeting
5/25	Senior Lunch / Yearbook Signing Senior Sunset
5/30	** Senior Meeting
5/30 – 5/31	Grad Nite @ Disney's California Adventure
6/01	**7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Parade of Graduates (Grad Walk) Pre-Ceremony Video Filming
6/02	**Graduation Practice #2
6/05	**Graduation Practice #3 Baccalaureate
6/06	**Graduation Practice #4
6/07	**Graduation Practice #5 at Lamonica Stadium Class of 2023 Graduation Sober Grad at Bowlero

*All Senior Activities are subject to change. Please check the website for updates to the handbook.*

# Activities & Events Descriptions

## Senior Meetings

Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> – During Econ/Gov Class in LLH

Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – 8:30am at the CE East Gym

It is important that seniors attend all senior meetings. These meetings are mandatory and are not optional for graduating seniors. Please note that dress code will be checked, and students are expected to have a physical ID card.

Information that will be covered during these various meetings include:

- Senior Activity Info
- Graduation Information
- Auditions and Voting for Senior Class Speaker (Graduation Speaker)
- Grad Nite (info, permission slip distribution, permission slip submission, bus sign-ups)
- Distribution of Cap/Gown info; Distribution of pre-ordered Grad Services items (announcements/apparel)

For the meeting on 3/14: Report to your Econ/Gov teacher and they will escort you to the Library Lecture Hall. If you are a CART student, you may attend the meeting during any period of the day.

For the meeting on 4/17: All seniors should report directly to the East Gym at 8:30am. CART students must attend this meeting and are not excused. CART is aware you have a mandatory meeting on this day.

## Junior/Senior Prom

Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm-10:00pm at Wolf Lakes Park

Bids will be available for both juniors and seniors. Bids will be \$75/single and \$150/pair. Additional promotions, including VIP tickets, will be announced/determined soon – please pay attention to the daily bulletin for up-to-date info.

1. Ticket price will include dinner, dessert, and photo booth. Doors open at 6:00pm. Dinner will only be served from 6:30pm – 7:30pm.
2. All students and their guests must be in CUSD dress code. Formal attire for both boys and girls is required. Please refer to the dance contract and/or the student handbook for dress code guidelines.
3. Guests must be no older than 20 years of age, have a valid proof of age (e.g., driver's license), and an approved and signed guest pass and dance contract. Guests younger than 9<sup>th</sup> grade will not be allowed.

## CSF Awards Banquet

Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm at the Clovis Veterans Memorial Building

CSF Life Members will be presented with Life Membership cords to be worn over their graduation gowns. Principal's Medallion winners (those with 3.85 GPA or higher) will receive a medallion to wear over their graduation gowns. CUSD dress code is in effect at this event.

## Advanced Placement Testing

May 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

The College Board Advanced Placement exams will be administered from Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, through Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, in all subject areas. AM Exams begin at 8:00 AM and PM Exams begin at 12:00 PM. Pre-registration is required. Please speak with the Advanced Placement testing coordinator or your counselor for more information.

2023 AP Exam Schedule		
Date	AM Exam	PM Exam
Monday, May 1	US Government	Chemistry
Tuesday, May 2	Environmental Science	Psychology
Wednesday, May 3	English Literature	
Thursday, May 4	Macroeconomics	Statistics
Friday, May 5	European History	US History
Monday, May 8	Calculus AB / BC	Computer Science
Tuesday, May 9	English Language	
Wednesday, May 10	Spanish Language	Biology
Thursday, May 11	World History	Physics 1

## Scholarship Night

Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm at the CE MPR

Scholarship award recipients will be honored with a presentation of scholarship award and the amount received. CUSD dress code is in effect at this event.

## Senior “White Card” Day

Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>

Seniors who fail to earn sufficient credits to satisfy all graduation requirements will be notified, as well as their parents, via a “white card.” Those seniors will not be allowed to participate in any senior activities, including Baccalaureate, Grad Nite, and Graduation ceremonies.

## Senior Farewell Assembly

Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> – 11:00am at the CE West Gym

1. All seniors must report to the CE West Gym at 11:00am to participate in the Farewell Assembly. You must have a Senior ID card to check in. Seniors will be escorted to the assembly after check-in. Do not attend your morning classes; please do not arrive before 11:00am.
2. Students will not be allowed to carry anything into the assembly. No backpacks, signs, posters, etc.
3. The senior slideshow will be shown and the yearbook dedication honoree introduced.
4. At the end of the assembly, underclassmen will depart the East Gym while seniors remain on the floor. A final photo will be taken of all seniors.
5. \*Yearbooks purchased by seniors will be distributed immediately following the assembly from the CE Main Office windows.
6. **DRESS CODE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**

## Senior Check Out and Cap & Gown Distribution

Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> – in the CE East Gym

\*Please report at your designated time, according to the first letter of your last name

**Last names beginning with A – H**

**Report to East Gym at: 9:30am**

**Last names beginning with I – R**

**Report to East Gym at: 10:00am**

**Last names beginning with S – Z**

**Report to East Gym at: 10:30am**

1. Senior Check-out Cards will be distributed to Seniors in Econ/Gov classes on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.
2. All students must have a physical ID card and a completed Senior Check-Out Card to begin check out procedures.
3. Beginning at 9:30am, students will turn in check-out cards at the East Gym where they will receive clearance for financial, discipline, textbook, technology, and library obligations. Students must also have a signed copy (signed by both student and parent/guardian) of the Graduation Ceremony Contract on file with the Deputy Principal's office.
4. Once all obligations are cleared, students will be directed to the West Gym to pick up Caps & Gowns.
5. Caps & Gowns will only be distributed to those students who have successfully checked out.
6. **DRESS CODE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**

## Cap & Gown Information

Seniors are required to wear a cap and gown (from Graduate Services) for participation in Graduation ceremonies. Due to the graduation ceremony seating arrangement/grid design, students will be assigned their gown color and unable to switch it.

While graduating seniors may not be required to purchase a tassel and diploma case/cover, they will be given the opportunity to voluntarily choose to purchase such items as mementos and keepsakes from graduation as their own personal property.

The bling tassel that is purchased from this opportunity is approved for use during the ceremony. Students that do not choose to purchase a tassel and diploma case/cover will not be provided these items. Graduate Services will coordinate the purchase of these items. Payment of said donation is not a condition for a senior's participation in the Graduation ceremony.

For questions regarding the purchase of items and ordering a graduation cap and gown, please contact:

**Graduate Services Ltd.**

344 W. Bedford #104

Fresno, CA 93711

(559) 431-2541

[gradservicesltd.com](http://gradservicesltd.com)



## Senior Lunch & Yearbook Signing

Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> – 11:00am at the CE West Gym

Join your classmates for a catered meal and spend time celebrating as a class. This event is open to **all seniors** and will include a photo booth, photo opportunities, and time to sign yearbooks.

## Senior Sunset

Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm at the CE Track

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to gather with your senior classmates one last time before graduation. Say goodbye to Clovis East with the setting sun while enjoying food and games with your friends!

## Grad Nite at Disneyland California Adventure

Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>

Grad Nite is an optional overnight event at Disneyland California Adventure to celebrate graduation. The cost is \$210 and includes transportation to and from the event and tickets into the park.

Seating this year is limited. To reserve a seat to Grad Nite, an initial deposit of \$50 is due by Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. The balance of \$160 is due by Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. See the Activities Office for financial assistance options. Cash or check payments are accepted in office and credit/debit card payments are available online at [clovisusd.revtrak.net](http://clovisusd.revtrak.net) under Clovis East Senior Activities.

Permission slips will be made available after the Senior Meeting on Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, and can only be turned in at the Senior Breakfast and Meeting on Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Students will select their bus number when they return their permission slips. **Once a senior is signed up, they may not switch buses.**

1. Students attending Grad Nite with carry-on items (pillows, backpacks, prepackaged food, etc.) must report to the West Gym to check in their belongings by 7:30am on Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. All items will be searched by a CUSD staff member and inspected by hired detection dogs. Items not checked-in at this time will not be allowed on the bus. Students will NOT have access to their checked-in items until they are on the bus, so students should keep ID card, keys, phone, etc., with them.
2. All students attending must ride the provided transportation to and from the event; private vehicles are not allowed.
3. Students will report to the Northwest doors of the East Gym at 11:15am for a dress code check. Buses will depart from Clovis East at 12:00pm.
4. Food and beverages brought on the bus must be prepackaged and not previously opened. No homemade items are allowed. No gum or mints will be allowed on the bus or in Disneyland California Adventure. **Ice chests, blankets, hand sanitizer, and perfumes/colognes will NOT be allowed on the bus.**
5. There will be a short stop in route to Disneyland California Adventure near Wheeler Ridge (Laval Rd at base of the Grapevine). Restrooms will not be available for use on buses. It is advisable to bring money for snacks and meals at this stop.

6. Once at Disneyland California Adventure, students will pass through a security screening that may include students being searched by Disney officials. All students will have to open their bags. This will also be the policy when boarding the bus before leaving and returning home from Disneyland California Adventure.
7. Any students who will need medication (prescription OR over the counter) must complete the “Medication for Students” trip form and turn it in to the Health Office by Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. All medications must be labeled with the student’s first name, last name, and student ID number. Labeled medications must be turned in to the Health Office by Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.
8. Disneyland California Adventure has the right to refuse anyone into Grad Nite that they deem not appropriately dressed for the event. During the event, they have the right to remove a student from the park due to inappropriate dress, behavior, and/or inappropriate activity.
9. This is a school activity, and any violation of school policies or procedures will be acted upon immediately and may affect graduation ceremony participation. Parents/guardians may be responsible/required to pick up their student from the venue.
10. **There will be NO REFUNDS for any reason**, including but not limited to disenrollment, suspension, disqualification from graduation activities due to grades, insufficient credits, or behavior, injury, illness, transfer to a different school, etc.

## **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Parade of Graduates (Grad Walk)**

### Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> – 8:10am at the CE East Gym

1. ALL graduating Seniors must report to the East Gym at 8:10am dressed in their cap and gown. Seniors will be organized according to their feeder school survey results and transported to the elementary schools. The Parade of Graduates, or Grad Walk, will lead students through the Clovis East Area feeder schools.
2. Students must be in **CUSD graduation dress code**. The dress code will be the same for Baccalaureate, Grad Walk, and Graduation. **Students must wear a dress, skirt, or dress pants and blouse; slacks (no jeans), dress shirt, and a tie.** Long dresses or skirts must be pinned so they do not fall below the hem of the graduation gown. Shoulder straps must be at least 2 inches wide. **All students must wear dress shoes. Athletic shoes or slides (e.g., Birkenstocks, Vans) will NOT be permitted. All obligations must be cleared to participate.**
3. **The cap and gown must be worn, and the gown must be completely zipped up during the entire event.**
4. Backpacks or cinch bags will not be allowed during the Grad Walk. All personal belongings must be carried in pockets. Cell phones must be hidden from view. Hands must be free of items during the event. Seniors must have their physical Senior ID Card to participate in the Grad Walk.

## **Pre-Graduation Ceremony Filming**

### Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> – 10:30am at the CE Activities Office

Prior to the graduation ceremony, short video clips play that explain the basic graduation ceremony rules and other important information. If you are interested in being filmed providing this information, please show up to be assigned a role. If you would like your script ahead of time, please speak with the Activities Director. All participants must be in CUSD graduation dress code, including cap, gown, and tassel. Not all filmed videos will necessarily be used at the ceremony.

## **Baccalaureate**

Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm at CE Amphitheater

The optional Baccalaureate ceremony is designed to reflect on and celebrate the lasting relationships and memories created during the four years together as a class. Decisions pertaining to the Baccalaureate ceremonies are the responsibility of students, club advisors, and community volunteers.

1. Graduates must report to the CE Amphitheater by 5:15pm. Gowns (no caps) are required at Baccalaureate.
2. Students must be in CUSD dress code. The dress code will be the same for Baccalaureate, Grad Walk, and Graduation. Students must wear a dress, skirt, or dress pants and blouse; slacks (no jeans), dress shirt, and a tie. Long dresses or skirts must be pinned so they do not fall below the hem of the graduation gown. Shoulder straps must be at least 2 inches wide. All students must wear dress shoes. No athletic shoes or slides (e.g., Birkenstocks) will be permitted. All obligations must be cleared to participate.

## **Sober Grad**

Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> – 11:30pm – 2:30am

Bowlero Clovis, 140 Shaw Avenue, Clovis, CA 93612

Sober Grad is a traditional lock-in event after Graduation where graduates spend a final night together. This event is sponsored by the REC Timberwolves Foundation and will be held at Bowlero in Clovis.

1. Please arrive by 11:30 p.m. as there will not be any admittance after midnight. Current CEHS student ID cards must be presented to be admitted. Students may be released any time after 2:30 AM on June 8<sup>th</sup>.
2. Included with the price of admission are food, drinks, bowling (and shoe rental), billiards, and arcade games.
3. Tickets will be \$25 and can be purchased from the Foundation secretary located at the Clovis East Main Office. There will be no refunds given for any reason. Tickets purchased at the door are \$30.

Tickets for a guest will also be available. One guest per graduate will be allowed. Guests must be between the ages of 15 and 20 and present current identification.

# Graduation Practices

Seniors will take part in several MANDATORY GRADUATION PRACTICES. The first few practices will take place in the East Gym with the final practice taking place at Lamonica Stadium on Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7:45am. **It is the expectation that all Seniors will follow all school and district policies through each senior activity, including graduation practice and the graduation ceremony. These activities are not intended to draw attention to any one individual or group. Proper behavior is expected at all times. Any violation of these policies may result in exclusion from some or all senior activities, including the graduation ceremony. It is expected that Seniors will show the maturity and knowledge gained through their tenure at Clovis East and follow all school and district policies through each extra activity, including graduation practice and the graduation ceremony.**

Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> – 8:15am-12:30pm at the CE East Gym

Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> – 8:15am-11:15am at the CE East Gym (senior meeting)

Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8:15am-12:30pm at the CE East Gym

Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> – 8:15am-12:30pm at the CE East Gym

Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> – 8:15am-12:30pm at the CE East Gym

1. All obligations must be cleared, and a Senior Graduation Ceremony Contract must be on file in order to participate in graduation practices and the graduation ceremony.
2. **All graduates who plan to participate in the graduation ceremony must attend ALL FIVE PRACTICES!**
3. All Seniors must have a physical Senior ID card for all senior activities, including graduation practices.
4. CUSD Dress Code will be strictly enforced each day. **Students out of dress code will be turned away from practice.**
5. Graduation practices may run until *at least* 12:30pm each day; please plan accordingly. Students should not schedule appointments on these days, and you are responsible for notifying employers of the dates and times in advance.
6. **Practice will last until mastery is achieved.**
7. Any behavior and/or violation of CUSD policies, including dress code, may result in removal from practice and exclusion from the graduation ceremony.

## Final Graduation Practice

Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> – 7:45 am at Lamonica Stadium

### **WEAR SENIOR SHIRT AND BRING GRADUATION SHOES!**

1. Final practice will begin at 7:45 am SHARP at Lamonica Stadium. Seniors should report to the bleachers on the floor of the stadium, wearing your senior shirt and with your graduation shoes. Weather is difficult to predict. Please wear sunblock as you will likely be in the direct sun all morning, and make sure you are hydrated. Water will be provided.
2. Seniors may drive to the stadium. You need to plan on heavy traffic. Parking is limited to the Clovis High student parking lot. A bus will be available for those students needing a ride. The bus will leave CEHS at 7:30 am sharp by the flagpole on Donner (main office).
3. Items to be covered at the practice include an overview of the graduation exercise, a message from our Clovis Unified School District Superintendent, a run-through of the entire program, and procedures to be followed on graduation night.
4. **Practice will last until mastery is achieved.**
5. Seniors will be excused after the practice. Students who rode the bus will be returned by bus to Clovis East.

# Graduation Ceremony

## Participant Information

Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 pm at Clovis High “C” Building

1. Each graduate must arrive by 6:00pm and will be checked at the entry of the “C” building for proper attire. Anyone not in dress code will be turned away.
2. Graduates may only bring a car key. Keys will be held for graduates and will be returned to the graduate after the ceremony. Do not bring valuables, purses, or cell phones.
3. Graduates will pick up keys and receive their diploma as they exit the graduate area after the ceremony.
4. After the ceremony, graduates will have 20 minutes to greet their families and friends on the grass area in the Merriman Baseball field. Guests of the graduates may enter this area after exiting the stadium.

## Dress Code

**CUSD DRESS CODE STRICTLY ENFORCED**

1. **All students will be checked by administrators and faculty for proper attire and grooming. Those students in violation will not participate in the graduation ceremony.**
2. Students must wear semi-formal or formal attire. This includes suit and tie, slacks with collared shirt and tie, dresses, dress pants or skirts with blouse, etc. **NO DENIM and NO SHORTS are allowed.**
3. All dresses must have at least two-inch shoulder straps. Long dresses are permitted but must be pinned so they do not fall below the hem line of the graduation gown. Undergarments are not allowed to be shown.
4. Students must wear dress shoes: no athletic shoes, slides, Birkenstocks, Vans, flip-flop style sandals, crocks, or combat boots will be permitted. We recommend low heeled shoes or flats.
5. **All clothing must meet CUSD Dress Code regulations. In addition to the information above, students may not have facial piercings, distracting hair color, or distracting makeup, jewels, etc. In addition, facial hair should be nicely groomed.**
6. Caps will be worn flat on the head with the point aimed straight ahead.
7. The gown must be completely zipped up during the entire event.
8. Tassels will be worn on the right side of the cap. Bling tassels (if purchased from Graduate Services) are allowed.

## Graduation Adornments and Accessories

The only acceptable accessories to the standard school-issued cap and gown are the CSF Life Gold Cord, AAA Cord (navy), AVID Cord (silver), State Seal of Biliteracy Medallion, National Honor Society Medallion, and the Principal’s Medallion. Requests for any other accessory not listed above must be submitted to the Deputy Principal at least two weeks prior to the graduation ceremony. Anything received after May 24<sup>th</sup> will not be accepted. Please see the Deputy Principal’s office for the appropriate request form. The Deputy Principal will notify the student whether or not the item is approved prior to the graduation ceremony. If a student’s item of adornment is not approved during the prior approval process because the student did not seek timely approval prior to the deadline or for any other reason, the student shall be prohibited from wearing the item before and during the ceremony.

## **General Graduation Ceremony Information**

### Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 pm at Lamonica Stadium

Graduation is an exciting event for the graduates, but it is also a time for the Governing Board to ceremoniously honor the graduates. Graduation is formal ceremony; therefore, the behavior of our graduates is a direct reflection of our school and their families. In order to participate in the graduation ceremony, each participant must sign the graduation contract, agreeing to abide by the specific code of dress and behavior for the ceremony. This signed contract must be on file with the school.

The graduation robes signify your class unity. The ceremony is the Governing Board's forum to represent the community in honoring the graduates of Clovis East. All graduates are expected to behave in a manner that respects the formality of the ceremony. **Any behavior that draws undue attention to an individual or group is not acceptable and will result in removal from the ceremony.** Fireworks, noise makers, beach balls, frisbees, sunglasses, cell phones or similar inappropriate distractions are strictly forbidden and will be confiscated at the entrance by staff and officers. Throwing of hats and other means of disrupting the ceremony will not be allowed.

**Remember: it is a privilege, not a right, to participate in the Graduation ceremony.** Clovis East is under no obligation to allow anyone who violates the rules and procedures in the handbook or any other school district policy to participate in the Graduation ceremony. Any Graduate who throws their cap or disrupts the ceremony in any way will face appropriate consequences and will not receive their diploma that night. Cap and gown will be confiscated, and the graduate will be escorted off the premises.

Violators will be removed from the ceremony and will receive their diplomas at a later date. The school will determine when during the summer and under what conditions the diploma will ultimately be given.

#### Guest Seating

Gates will open at 6:00pm. All seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Reserved seating is only available for those who have won seats at various events (e.g., foundation dinner, senior meeting, etc.).

#### Handicapped Seating

Seating for wheelchairs is available on the ground level as well as in the upper stadium. Courtesy golf cart shuttles are also available from the VIP/Handicap parking lot to the east of the stadium.

#### Senior Graduation Banners

As a gift to the graduates of Clovis East, each student will receive a graduation banner with their individual name on it. These banners will be displayed along the fence of the Merriman Baseball Field and should not be removed before the ceremony concludes. We respectfully ask that you do not take a banner that does not belong to your student unless prior arrangements have been made with their family. Unfortunately, banners will not be reprinted.

## **LARGE SIGNS, BALLOONS, AND NOISEMAKERS ARE NOT ALLOWED INTO THE STADIUM.**

## Alma Mater

*When the morning light has come  
And the night has been released  
We turn toward the rising sun  
Watching over Clovis East.  
Where the sweet green fields abound,  
Hallowed halls we walk in peace;  
And the circle of our town  
Comes together Clovis East.  
Clovis East, your Sierras standing guard over your dream.  
Clovis East, fill the valley with our spirit strong and clean.  
Proud the legacy we leave,  
Glorious victories achieved,  
Timberwolves come stand beside me  
...Clovis East.*

## Graduation Committee

Manar Ahmed, ASB President  
Maggie Tyner, Class President  
Priya Gill, Class Vice President  
Rylie Sisterson, Class Secretary  
Morgan Parent, Class Treasurer  
Amya Howard, Class Historian

Ryan Eisele, Ed.D., Principal  
Sonia Torossian, Ed.D., Deputy Principal  
Kristen Belknap, Ed.D., Deputy Principal  
Sarah Burress, Activities Director  
Stacy Beiden, Class Advisor  
Muggs Marquez, Class Advisor  
Loree Sisterson, Office Manager  
Stephanie Rouse, Administrative Assistant  
Jahnava Adams, Activities Assistant

### Activities Office

559.327.4318

### Deputy Principal's Office

559.327.4011

### Counseling Center

559.327.4142

### Student Responsibility Center

559.327.4155



# CUSD SENIOR EXPECTATIONS

*A copy of this contract was signed by the Graduating Senior and the Parent/Guardian of the Graduating Senior in November.*

There are high expectations for seniors as the spring semester approaches and Graduation is on the horizon. Unfortunately, every year there are seniors who are not able to participate in Senior Activities or the Graduation Ceremony because of disciplinary referrals, failing classes, attendance issues, or poor decisions. Senior Activities include but are not limited to Prom, Grad Nite, the Farewell Assembly, and Graduation.

We want to make sure that all seniors understand the expectations for grades, behavior, and attendance during the spring semester. Failure to meet these expectations could lead to students not being able to participate in these important extra events.

## **PASSING CLASSES**

- Seniors are expected to have passing grades in all classes at all times in order to maintain Senior Privileges.
- On White Card Day, any Senior who has not passed a required class and/or does not have enough credits to graduate will be contacted and informed they will not be allowed to participate in Senior Activities or Graduation Ceremonies.

## **BEHAVIOR REFERRALS**

- Any senior who commits a suspendable offense or a Code of Conduct offense during the first or second semester of their Senior year may be removed from participating in some or ALL Senior Activities, including the Graduation Ceremony at any of our CUSD sites.
- Any senior in an off-site Alternative Educational setting during the second semester will not be enrolled in CEHS and therefore will not be allowed to attend ANY Senior Activities, including the Graduation Ceremony.
- Students placed in a site-based Alternative Education setting due to disciplinary reasons will not be allowed to attend ANY extra Senior Activities or to participate in the Graduation Ceremony.

## **ATTENDANCE**

- Students are expected to attend all classes. Truancies, excessive absences, or tardies could result in loss of Senior Privileges and Senior Activities including Graduation.

## **SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES REGARDING STUDENTS WHO ARE 18 YEARS OLD**

- It is important to understand when a student turns 18 years old in the State of California, he/she is considered an adult. Enrollment at Clovis East High School as an adult is a privilege. Any violation of grades, behavior, and/or attendance may result in transfer to Adult School which would result in being removed from ALL Senior Activities including the Graduation Ceremony.

I have read the above information and understand that Senior Activities are a privilege that can be lost because of poor attendance, behavior, grades, or other poor decisions.

***This document was signed at the November Senior Meeting. Please retain this copy for your records.***



# CUSD GRADUATION CEREMONY CONTRACT

This **CUSD Graduation Ceremony Contract** is between Clovis East High School, graduating seniors, and the parents/guardians of students who have successfully completed graduation requirements are jointly interested in a dignified and meaningful graduation ceremony. Therefore, these three parties enter into this contract. This contract shall be signed, and a copy filed at the school before the student will be issued a cap and gown for the purpose of participating in the graduation ceremony. Furthermore, a student not having a signed copy of this contract on file with the school will not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony. If students choose not to participate in the graduation ceremony, they may pick up their diploma in the main office on the day following the graduation ceremony.

Clovis East High School agrees to provide a site and appropriate facilities for the ceremony and to provide the legal and traditional procedures required of such occasions. In addition, Clovis East High School agrees to take those steps deemed necessary to maintain order and dignity at the proceedings up to, and including, exclusion of any student from participation in the activity before or during the event when the exclusion is necessary to maintain proper decorum. Reasons for denying participation in or receipt of the diploma at the graduation ceremony to an eligible student include, but are not limited to:

1. Possessing or being under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or other substance which appears to alter a person's behavior and/or inhibit the person's judgment. Being in violation of any C.U.S.D. Governing Board policies or California Education Code provisions.
2. Possessing beach balls, frisbees, noise makers, cell phones, etc., or other items inappropriate to the occasion.
3. Disruptive behavior, including failure to remain seated at the appropriate times, shouting or exhibiting rude behavior, making lewd or obscene gestures, committing offensive acts, or throwing of caps.

Students agree to dress in a manner which will not be disruptive or divert attention from the ceremony, and shall if requested by an appropriate school official, agree to a visual inspection to insure appropriate dress and an absence of inappropriate items. Caps and gowns shall be without any personal or group adornment, except for District approved cords, tassels, and pins. Following the ceremony graduates must check in with their caps and gowns to receive their diploma.

In addition to exemplifying behavior appropriate to the activity, parents shall instruct, encourage, and demand that their student(s) adhere to the letter and spirit of the requirements listed here, and shall pledge to support Clovis East High School in its enforcement of these and other regulations regarding behavior during the graduation ceremony.

It is understood that any participant breaking this contractual agreement will be denied participation in the graduation ceremony, or be removed from the ceremony, and will not receive a diploma that evening. In order to obtain the diploma a meeting must be scheduled with school administration at a later date. In addition, possible consequences may be assigned. The Principal will suspend the graduation ceremony immediately if, in his/her judgment, allowing the ceremony to continue would be dangerous or would not be in the best interest of the graduates, guests, the school, or the District.

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***A copy of this contract will be signed by the Graduating Senior, the Parent/Guardian of the Graduating Senior, and a Clovis East High School Administrator in March. This required contract will remain on file in the Deputy Principal's office.***

***Please retain this copy for your records.***

