

# CUSD GRADUATION 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.

➤ ***Please also read the reverse side of this form, which references graduation ceremony info and dress code. Signing below indicates your understanding of all items contained in the document.***

Name of Graduating Senior (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Graduating Senior \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian of Graduating Senior \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Clovis East High Administrator \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this form to your Gov/Econ teacher by Friday, 4/01**

## Graduation Ceremony - Thursday, May 26, 2022 – 7:30p @ 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. 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 is not acceptable.**

**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 violators will be removed from the ceremony.**

### **Guest Seating**

Gates will open at 6:00p. All seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets are not required for entry. **LARGE SIGNS, BALLOONS, AND NOISEMAKERS ARE NOT ALLOWED INTO THE STADIUM.**

### **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.

## Graduation Ceremony - Participant Information

Thursday, May 26, 2022 – 6:00p SHARP @ Clovis High "C" Building

1. Each graduate must arrive by 6:00p 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 when they return their cap and gown. Do not bring valuables, purses, or cell phones.
3. After the ceremony, graduates receive their diploma inside the gates of the Merriman Baseball field. Guests of the graduates may not enter this area after exiting the stadium. Once graduates have received their diploma, they must exit the area immediately.

### **CUSD DRESS CODE IS 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 up 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, or combat boots will be permitted.
5. We ask that all students are well groomed on graduation day for practice and for the ceremony.
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.

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 must be submitted to the Deputy Principal at least two weeks prior to the graduation ceremony. 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.