<u>CLOVIS HIGH SENIOR EXPECTATIONS/GRADUATION</u> <u>CONTRACT</u>

Welcome to your Senior Year! There are high expectations for seniors. Every year there are Seniors who are not able to participate in extra Senior Activities or Graduation Ceremonies because of disciplinary referrals, failing classes, attendance issues, or poor decisions. Extra Senior Activities include but are not limited to Prom, Grad Nite, 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 extra Senior Activities or Graduation Ceremonies.

BEHAVIOR REFERRALS

- Any Senior who commits a suspendable offense or a Code of Conduct offense during the second semester of their Senior year may be removed from participating in some or ALL extra Senior Activities including the Graduation Ceremony at any of our CUSD sites.
- Any Senior in an offsite Alternative Education setting during the second semester will not be enrolled in Clovis High and therefore will not be allowed to attend ANY extra Senior Activities or to participate in 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 extra 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 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 extra Senior Activities including the Graduation Ceremony.

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

Print Student Name

Student Signature

Student ID Number

Parent Signature

Date

Counselor Name

Clovis High School Extra Senior Activities Handbook 2023-2024

This handbook is designed to provide information and to be used as a guideline for Clovis High students regarding end-of-the year extra activities. The Clovis High staff is excited and looks forward to the extra Senior activities for the Class of 2024, culminating with Graduation at Lamonica Stadium on Wednesday, May 29th, 2024 at 7:30 pm.

All extra Senior activities and the Graduation ceremony are considered a privilege. Students must be in good standing to participate in Senior extra activities. Seniors must meet all graduation requirements and clear all financial and disciplinary obligations in order to participate in extra Senior activities and the Graduation ceremony.

Clovis High students and staff have spent many hours planning these extra events and making this information available to you. Clovis High School extra 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 Clovis High seniors in the upcoming extra events.

If you have any questions regarding any of the activities, please contact the Activities Office at 327-1332.



SENIOR GUIDELINES

1. School/District Policy

All Clovis High and Clovis Unified guidelines and policies will be enforced during extra Senior activities. The Graduation and Baccalaureate ceremonies are also considered extra activities for the Class of 2024. These extra 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 an exclusion from some, or all, extra Senior activities. It is the expectation that all Seniors will follow all school and district policies through each extra activity including graduation practice and the graduation ceremony.

2. Dress Code

The CUSD dress code policies will be in enforced for all Senior extra activities. Failure to comply with the CUSD dress code policy will result in removal from Senior activities, including the Graduation ceremony. Each extra Senior activity may have special dress code conditions. Please refer to the information included in the description of each activity for special dress code information. For any questions regarding appropriate dress, please contact the Activities Office or the Deputy Principal's Office.

Note: In order to be issued a cap and gown, a student must meet the Clovis Unified District Dress Code requirements and have their physical student ID card in hand.

3. <u>School Materials and Equipment/Outstanding Obligations</u>

All school materials and equipment must be returned and any outstanding obligations must be addressed by the student and/or parent. Books, uniforms and other CUSD 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 the Financial Secretary with any questions regarding outstanding obligations.

Note: Personal checks for payments will not be accepted after May 1, 2024. Only cash, money orders, or certified checks will be accepted after May 1, 2024.

Clovis High School Alma Mater

Sing we now to Clovis High, sons and daughters true; Raise our colors to the sky, cheer the Gold and Blue; Hearts and Voices now we raise, neath thy domes to sound thy praise, loyalty to thee we bring. Hail! Hail! Hail!

Extra Senior Activity Costs

Ticket sales for "Extra Senior Grad Events" will start January 10th, 2024 in the Activities Office. Grad Nite must be paid in full, and a signed permission slip is required before students can sign up on a bus.

Individual events can be purchased at the following prices: \$250.00

• Grad Nite at California Adventure located at Disneyland.

4. **Discipline Obligations**

All Seniors must be in good standing to participate in all extra Senior activities, Graduation practices, and the Graduation ceremony. Unserved detentions, or any other unserved consequences, must be cleared by May 13, 2024. Contact the Student Services office with any questions.

5. Senior White Card Day

Senior White Card Day is Wednesday May 22, 2024. Seniors who fail to earn sufficient credits or to satisfy all CUSD graduation requirements will be notified, as will their parents/guardian. Those seniors will not be allowed to participate in any extra Senior activities, including the Baccalaureate and Graduation ceremonies.

6. Diplomas

At the graduation ceremony, seniors will be handed a blank diploma case. After the graduation ceremony, seniors will immediately file to another location to collect their official 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.

Spring Semester Major School Events & Extra Activities

Date	Senior Events
01/31/24	Graduate Services Cap and Gown last
	chance to order on-line.
#1- 09/28/24 #3 – 03/07/24 #2- 02/07/24 #4 - 04/10/24	Senior Meetings
12/9/23	Winter Formal Dance in North Gym
04/15/24	Top 20 / CSF Life Dinner
05/04/24	Junior / Senior Prom
05/10/24	Farwell Assembly
05/20/24 - 05/21/24	Senior Finals Week
05/17-24 - 05/18/24	Disneyland Grad Nite at California Adventure * Pre-pay in Finance Office or Activities Office
05/22/2024	White Card Senior Checkout Day
05/23/2024	Cap and Gown Distribution & Grad Practice
#1- 05/23/24 #3 – 05/28/24 #2- 05/24/24 #4 – 05/29/24	Graduation Practices
	Students MUST be in Dress Code
05/28/24	Baccalaureate
05/29/24	Clovis High School Graduation

CUSD DRESS CODE STRICTLY ENFORCED

All students will be checked by faculty for proper attire and grooming. Those students in violation will not participate in the graduation ceremony.

Students must wear a dress shirt, dress pants, dress shoes, socks and tie. **NO DENIM.**

Students must wear **dress shoes:** no athletic shoes, Birkenstocks, sandals, flip flops or combat boots will be permitted.

Students must wear a dress, skirt, or dress pants and blouse. 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.

Some students will receive collars with their cap and gown.

Caps will be worn flat on the head with the point aimed straight ahead.

Tassels will be worn on the left side of the cap.

The only acceptable accessories to the standard cap and gown are: *The CSF Gold Cord, CSF Life Pin, Top 20 Medallion, the National Honor* Society Sash and AVID sash. Requests for any other accessory must be submitted and approved two weeks (Wednesday, May 15th) in advance of the graduation ceremony.

Graduation Ceremony Wednesday, May 29 Students report to Clovis High Campus "C" Building 6:00 pm

- 1. Each graduate will be checked at the entry of the "C" building for proper attire. Anyone not in dress code will be turned away.
- 2. Students may only bring car keys. Keys will be held for students and will be returned to the student when they pickup their diploma. Do not bring valuables, purses, or cell phones.
- 3. Graduates will keep their cap and gowns and receive their diploma as they exit the graduate area after the ceremony.
- 4. After the ceremony, graduates will greet their families and friends in a location on campus. Guests of the graduates may enter this area after exiting the stadium and upon all graduates exiting Lamonica stadium.
- 5. A student may be removed for any action that draws undue attention to an individual. Fireworks, noise makers, beach balls, frisbees, 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.

Graduation Adornment

The only acceptable accessories for the standard cap and gown are the *The CSF Gold Cord, CSF Life Pin, Top 20 Medallion, the National Honor* Society Sash and AVID sash. Requests for any other accessory must be submitted to the Deputy Principal at least <u>two weeks prior, anything</u> <u>received after Wednesday, May 15, 2024 will not be accepted</u>. 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.

Spring Semester Continued

June Continued

May 29th: Graduation Practice #4 – 7:45am, Lamonica

Stadium (Students Bring Gowns and Dress Shoes to

Practice). Graduation Ceremony – 7:30pm, Lamonica

Stadium.

Graduates must Arrive at Clovis High School and report to the "C" building no later than 6:00pm.

*all dates, times and locations are subject to change

GET INVOLVED We want your input!!!

GRADUATION CLASS SPEAKER

1) Complete a graduation speaker application-available in the Activities office

2) Return the application and draft to the Activities office REMEMBER:

- Know your audience! Parents, Families, and Community Members!!!
- Speak on behalf of the 600+ students graduating with you
- 5-minute MAX speech
- Connect to the senior class theme

GRADUATION ARTWORK

- 1) Digital Media Format
 - Digital backdrop for the LED Wall
 - High-resolution format/file is required
- 2) Drawing (traditional artwork)

The following descriptions are provided for Seniors and their parents to give in-depth information regarding important extra Senior activities.

> Senior Class Meetings September 28, February 7, March 7, April 10

It is important that Seniors attend all Senior meetings. <u>THESE MEETINGS ARE MANDATORY AND ARE NOT OPTIONAL</u> <u>FOR GRADUATING SENIORS</u>. <u>ALL STUDENTS MUST BE IN CUSD</u> DRESS CODE

Information covered in Senior meetings includes:

- Senior expectations at all extra activities
- Extra Senior activities
- Grad Nite ticket sales
- Cap & Gown Information
- Graduation Announcement distribution

Top 20 and CSF Awards Banquet - April 15 Location TBD

CSF Life Members will be presented with Life Membership pins and cords to be worn over their graduation gowns. CHS Top 20 honorees will also be honored this evening for their achievements with a medallion. Scholarship Award recipients will be honored during a separate banquet with the scholarship and the amount received. CUSD dress code is in effect at these events.

Graduation Ceremony Wednesday May 29 Lamonica Stadium 7:30 pm

Remember, graduation is certainly an exciting event for the graduates, but more importantly, it is a time for the Governing Board to ceremoniously honor the graduates and teaching staff. At no time should the formality of the Graduation Ceremony be violated. Your behavior is a direct reflection of you, your school, and your family.

The graduation robes signify your class unity. The ceremony is the Governing Board's forum to represent the community honoring the graduates of Clovis High. This is a formal occasion. Therefore, all graduates are expected to behave in a manner that respects the formality of the ceremony. A student may be removed for any action that draws undue attention to an individual. Fireworks, noise makers, beach balls, frisbees, 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 High 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. 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.

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 at the school.

LARGE SIGNS, BALLOONS, AND NOISEMAKERS ARE NOT ALLOWED INTO THE STADIUM Graduation Rehearsal #4 Wednesday, May 29 Lamonica Stadium, 7:45 am BRING YOUR DRESS SHOES

- 1. Final rehearsal will begin at 7:45 am **SHARP** at Lamonica Stadium. Seniors should report to the bleachers on the floor of the stadium, with their graduation gowns and their shoes. Students who are late to practice run the risk of not participating in the graduation ceremony.
- 2. Seniors should park in the Student Parking Lot. (Be sure to display your parking pass.)
- 3. Items to be covered at the rehearsal 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. Rehearsal will last until mastery is achieved.
- 5. Seniors will be excused after the rehearsal.

All graduates who plan to participate in the graduation ceremony must attend <u>ALL REHEARSALS!</u>

CUSD Dress Code will be strictly enforced.

All obligations must be addressed to participate in Graduation rehearsal.

Students should not schedule appointments on these mornings, and they are responsible to notify employers of the dates and times in advance.

The weather can be hot/warm during the outside graduation practice. Plan accordingly and stay hydrated.

Jr. League Dinner April 25 Location TBD

The annual dinner will be held to honor the Female/Student Athlete of the Year from each high school in the Fresno-Clovis area.

Junior/Senior Prom May 4, 7:30 pm – 10:30 pm Sunset Acres – 8853 S. Fowler Ave, Fowler, CA 93625

- Bids will be available for both Juniors and Seniors. The cost is \$50/single - \$100/couple.
- Dress code is in effect. Formal attire for both boys and girls is required. All students and their guests must be in <u>CUSD dress</u> <u>code.</u> Please refer to the bid and/or the Student Handbook for dress code guidelines.
- 3. Guests must be no older than 20 years of age, have valid proof of age (i.e. CA drivers license), and an approved and signed guest pass. Guests younger than 9th grade will not be allowed.

Advanced Placement Testing May 6 - 17

The College Board A.P. test will be administered from Monday, May 6 through Friday, May 17 in all subject areas. Please reference the AP page of the CHS library website found at www.<u>https://chs.cusd.com/</u>

Scholarship Awards Banquet

May 13th

Scholarship recipients will be honored during a banquet. CUSD dress code will be in effect. Hosted at Clovis High School.

Yearbook Dedication Senior Appreciation Assembly May 10th

- 1. All Seniors must report to CHS to participate in the Farewell Assembly; they must have a Senior ID card to check in and must be in dress code.
- 2. Yearbook dedication will occur. (ID cards are needed to pick up yearbooks).
- 3. The Senior video will be shown.
- 4. Students must be in dress code.
- 5. Students will not be allowed to carry anything into the assembly; no backpacks, signs, posters, etc. These will be left in the North gym we suggest you bring as little as possible for security of your items.

B'nai B'rith Awards May 20th - 6:30pm Veteran's Memorial Building

The B'nai B'rith organization hosts this annual event to honor one outstanding athlete from each school in the Fresno – Clovis area.

Baccalaureate (Optional) Mountain View Church Tuesday, May 28th at 7:00 pm

- 1. The Baccalaureate ceremony is designed to reflect on, and celebrate the lasting relationships and memories created during four years together as a class. Decisions pertaining to the Baccalaureate ceremonies are the responsibility of the school's Baccalaureate committee. The committee is comprised of students, club advisors, and parent volunteers.
- 2. Students arrive at Mountain View Church by 6:15 pm.
- 3. Gowns (**no caps**) are required at Baccalaureate. Girls must wear the collar provided with their gowns.

REQUIRED DRESS (Baccalaureate and Graduation)

- 1. Students must wear semi-formal attire/formal attire. This includes suit and tie, slacks with shirt and tie, dresses, dress pants/skirt with blouse, etc.
- 2. Students must wear dress shoes. No athletic or tennis shoes, Birkenstocks, sandals, crocks or combat boots. We recommend low heeled shoes.
- 3. All dresses/tops must have at least 2" shoulder straps. Long dresses are permitted but must be pinned up, so they do not fall below the hem line of the graduation gown. All clothing must meet CUSD Dress Code regulations.
- 4. Caps will be worn flat on the head with the point aimed straight ahead.
- 5. Tassels will be worn on the left side of the cap.
- 6. The only acceptable accessories to the standard cap and gown are the CSF Life Gold Cord, National Honor Society Sash, Symbol of Academic Distinction Medallion. Requests for any other accessory must be submitted to the Deputy Principal at least two weeks prior to the graduation ceremony. The Deputy Principal will notify the student whether the item is approved prior to the graduation ceremony.
- 7. All students will be checked by the faculty for proper attire and grooming. Those students in violation will not participate in the graduation ceremony.
- 8. CUSD Dress Code will be enforced. Additional requirements:
 - No nose rings
 - Distracting Hair Color
 - Facial Hair

Graduation Rehearsal #1 & #2 – South Gym Thursday May 23 & Friday May 24 at 7:45 am-12noon Graduation Rehearsal # 3 – South Gym Tuesday, May 28 at 7:45am-12noon

Seniors will take part in four <u>MANDATORY GRADUATION</u> <u>PRACTICES</u>. The first three rehearsals will take place in the South Gym, with the final practice at Lamonica Stadium, on Wednesday, May 29 at 7:45 am.

Graduation practice may run until 12:00 noon each day; please plan and dress accordingly.

All graduates who plan to participate in the graduation ceremony must attend <u>ALL FOUR REHEARSALS!</u>

CUSD Dress Code will be strictly enforced. Students out of dress code will be turned away from rehearsal.

All obligations must be addressed in order to participate in graduation rehearsals.

Grad Nite May 17 - 18 California Adventures at Disneyland

- 1. Students attending Grad Nite with carry on items (pillows, backpacks, prepackaged food, etc.) must report to the South Gym to check in their belongings. Items not checked-in at this time will not be allowed on the bus (exceptions: small purse & wallets). Seniors will **NOT** have access to their checked-in items until they board the bus.
- 2. Food and beverages brought on the bus must be prepackaged and not previously opened. No gum or mints will be allowed on the bus or in California Adventure. **Ice chests and blankets will NOT be allowed on the bus.**
- 3. Students need to report to the South Gym at 11:30 am to load the buses. Buses will leave at approximately 1:00 pm on Friday, May 17th, and return at approximately 7:00 am on Saturday, May 18th.
- 4. There will be a short stop en route to California Adventures
- 5. Once at California Adventure, students may be searched; girls and boys will have to open their bags. This will also be the policy when boarding the bus before leaving school for California Adventure This is a school activity, and any violation of school policies or procedures will be acted upon immediately and parents may be responsible/required to pick up their student.
- 6. Permission slips and payment in full must be turned in to the Activities Office by Friday, March 15th.
- 7. There will be NO REFUNDS.
- 8. Bus sign ups are finalized at time of purchase. Once you sign up on a bus, there will be <u>NO CHANGES</u>.



Grad Nite – Continued May 17 – May 18 California Adventure Theme Park

California Adventure Policy for Admittance - Grad Nite

CUSD Dress Code will be enforced at all times!

Students must wear jeans or pants with an appropriate top or t-shirt, sweater or jacket with comfortable shoes.

Not Acceptable:

- Any clothing affiliated with a school, sports team, groups, club, etc. (i.e. letterman jackets, school logos, professional teams)
- Clothing not in good repair (torn, holes, frayed, etc.)
- Extremely revealing or baggy clothing
- Shorts
- Skirts
- Hats
- Shoes with skate wheels, open toes or no backs
- Backpacks, hip packs, camera bags, tote bags, or oversized purses. Purses must be 8.5" x 11" or smaller
- Food or beverages, tobacco products, alcohol, or weapon

Disney security has the right to refuse entrance to anyone they deem inappropriately dressed.

Senior White Card Day May 22

Seniors who fail to earn sufficient credits to satisfy all graduation requirements will be notified by May 22, 2024. Parents/Guardians will also be notified. Seniors who do not meet graduation requirements will not be allowed to participate in any extra Senior activities, including the Baccalaureate and Graduation ceremony.

Senior Clearance – May 22, North Gym Cap & Gown Distribution – May 23, Cafeteria

- 1. Students will receive clearance for financial, discipline, textbook, and library obligations.
- 2. Cap and gowns will only be distributed to those students who have been cleared of all obligations.
- 3. Cap and gowns may be picked up in the North Gym once all obligations are addressed.
- 4. DRESS CODE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.