



Chandler High School

Class of 2017

Graduation Information

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT
GRADUATION ENCLOSED**

Also visit us at:

www.cusd80.com/chs



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Dear Parents:

Graduation is quickly approaching. The following information outlines everything students need to know about graduation. Please take the time to read through it with your son or daughter so that you are aware of the time line for graduation, and all final activities for seniors. Mid-year graduates must fulfill all checkout and graduation practice requirements as well.

Graduation is an especially poignant time for our students and their parents because it signifies the end of the public educational process, and the commencement of adult responsibilities and future educational endeavors. It is also a time for our students to reflect on what their family, friends, and teachers have done to make this day possible. Students should behave with dignity to show appreciation to them.

We are committed to having a dignified commencement exercise, and we know that with your help the commencement will be memorable for your family. **Please do not bring foghorns or balloon bouquets** to Austin Field as a courtesy to other families and friends who want to hear and see the ceremony.

As in prior years, the Class of 2017 graduation ceremony will be streamed live via the Internet at <http://www.ustream.tv/user/chswolves>.

We also would like to inform you that our inclement weather plan will be as follows:

- ◆ Light to moderate rain, wind, dust – the ceremony will continue but may be shortened
- ◆ Severe rain, wind, or lightning – a shortened ceremony will take place the following morning at 8:00 a.m. with line up at 7:30 a.m.
- ◆ If weather appears to be a concern on graduation day, we will communicate via the school website at www.cusd80.com/chs.

The administration at the high school is extremely proud of the students of the senior class of 2017. They have achieved great goals. Chandler High School, under their leadership, has continued to increase the number of awards and hours of community service that have become a part of Chandler High's rich traditions. You should be proud to know that your child is among the ranks of an outstanding graduating class from one of the finest schools in the State of Arizona.

Sincerely,

JJ Chandler
Assistant Principal
Chandler High School

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Senior exams will be given on **Thursday and Friday, May 25 and 26, 2017**. All Seniors must attend all of their classes both days.

NOTE: 0 and 7th hour Seniors need to check with their instructors for the 0 and 7th period exam schedule.

✓ **Mark your calendars!** Here are the key dates and times you need to know:

Date	Senior Exams	Time
May 24, 2017	Senior Check-out—in the Bookstore	All day
May 25, 2017	Senior Final Exams	Periods 1-3-5
May 26, 2017	Senior Final Exams	Periods 2-4-6
May 30, 2017	Senior Make-up Exams (MUST have prior administrator approval)	Periods 1-3-5 Periods 2-4-6
Date	Graduation Practices—Mandatory	Time
May 30, 2017	A-L—1st Graduation Practice at CCA	7:30am
May 30, 2017	M-Z—1st Graduation Practice at CCA	9:30am
May 31, 2017	Final Graduation Practice—ALL on Austin Field	5:45am
May 31, 2017	- Graduation—report to assigned gym for line-up - Commencement Begins	7:00pm 8:00pm

✓ **Textbooks—returned to your teachers by May 24th**

You will not be able to complete your check-out until all textbooks are returned to your teachers by **May 24th**. If your teacher is unavailable on **May 24th**, you may return your textbooks to the bookstore.

✓ **Senior Check-out—May 24th in the Bookstore**

Senior check-out sheets will be handed out during English class on **May 1st**. All textbooks **must** be returned to your teacher by **May 24th prior** to completing your check-out in the bookstore also on **May 24th**.

Seniors may check-out earlier than **May 24th** provided all textbooks and uniforms are returned and outstanding debts are paid. Be sure to bring your completed check-out form with you to the bookstore. And if you are planning to go to **Prom**, make sure you have checked with the bookstore for any outstanding debts and non-returned textbooks from past years. Mid-year graduates are required to check-out in the bookstore prior to **May 24th**.

NOTE: You will not be able to purchase Prom tickets, allowed to walk during the commencement and transcripts will not be sent if textbooks and uniforms are not returned and any debts are left unpaid.



FIRST GRADUATION PRACTICE—Mandatory

Who? ALL SENIORS and MID-YEAR GRADS

When? Monday, May 30, 2017 - last names A-L at 7:30 a.m.

Monday, May 30, 2017 - last names M-Z at 9:30 a.m.

Where? Chandler Center for the Arts (CCA)

Why? Name-reading for correct pronunciation; Cap and Gown Distribution; Seating assignments

NOTE: Please try on gowns for proper fit. The speaker will work with you on the correct pronunciation of your names for commencement.

COMMENCEMENT DAY—May 31st, 2017

FINAL PRACTICE— Mandatory

Who? ALL SENIORS and MID-YEAR GRADS—A-Z

When? Tuesday, May 31, 2017 at **5:45 a.m.**

Why? The early morning practice allows us to finish all preparations before extreme heat.

Where? Austin Field

NOTE: Refer to your index card for seating assignment, wear a hat for sun protection, wear sunscreen, and bring plenty of water.

The faster we get through practice, the more free time you will have. Be prompt, listen carefully, and practice will go quickly.

NOTE: IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND PRACTICE, YOU WILL **NOT** BE ASSIGNED A PLACE IN LINE AND, THEREFORE, NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN GRADUATION.



COMMENCEMENT DAY—May 31st, 2017

STUDENTS: Be at your assigned gym by 7:00p.m. Be in line and ready for roll call at 7:30 p.m.

⇒ Girls in Payne Gym and Boys in Old Gym

Diplomas will be pulled for any student not in line by 7:40 p.m. Therefore, you will not be allowed to "walk" if you are late! Leave your house early so that traffic, flat tires, etc. do not delay you past the "point of no return."

COMMENCEMENT is at **8:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 31, 2017** at Austin Field.

AUDIENCE: Please do not bring foghorns or balloon bouquets to Austin Field as a courtesy to other families and friends who want to hear and see the ceremony.

We are able to reserve seating for disabled individuals and one companion only. State issued parking tags are required for access to handicapped parking. Beginning May 1st, 2017, please call **480-812-7700** to make seating arrangements.

DIPLOMA PHOTOGRAPHY

We will have a raised platform for awarding diplomas.

A professional photographer will take a picture of you receiving your diploma. The tradition at CHS is to wear your tassel on the **left** for the best photos and move them to the **right** after graduation.

A photo proof will be sent to you via email or US Mail (yours to keep). If you like the proof, you may order the picture. (Parents/friends will not be allowed at the podium for photos.)

✓ **APPROPRIATE DRESS for COMMENCEMENT**

BOYS		GIRLS	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Dark trousers	Jeans	Light weight dress	Jeans
Light colored shirt	Shorts	Neat slacks and blouse	Shorts
Shoes—shined	Sandals or flip flops	Shoes with medium or low heels or open toe dress shoes	Sandals, flip flops or stilettos
Dark colored tie*	Bow Ties	Although the cap and gown comes with a collar, we do not use it.	

*The graduation gown looks incomplete without a tie.

✓ **CAP AND GOWN—Must be purchased before April 1st, 2017**

Caps and gowns must be purchased before **April 1st** at www.jostens.com or by calling: **1-800-JOSTENS.**

We wear the cap and gown to signify graduation and to graduate as one. Our uniformity displays togetherness and an "all the same" pride. No deviations in dress will be allowed. No floral leis or cap decorations, please.

At CHS the tassel is placed to the left side of the mortarboard before graduation due to the flow of the commencement program and the location of the photographer.

Honor Society Members, please pick up your gold tassel after the first graduation practice on **May 30th**. Highest Honor and Scholar graduates will receive their stoles after the first graduation practice on **May 30th** from Mrs. Graffeo after paying **\$28.00** to Mrs. Barthelme in the Bookstore by **May 24th**.

✓ **FINAL TRANSCRIPTS**

Final transcripts will be sent via Parchment. To receive transcripts, seniors will need to set up an account online by going to www.cusd80.com/chs and clicking on the **Request a Transcript** link found under the Site Shortcuts.

NOTE: Transcripts will not be sent if textbooks and uniforms are not returned or debts are left unpaid.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Processional—led by scholar and honor students, played by CHS Band.

Seniors remain standing and quiet please.

Presentation of Colors - AFJROTC

National Anthem – performed by CHS Band and Chorale

Welcome and Introductions by Senior Class Officers – you may be seated

Speeches and music—remain seated

Presentation of Class—Mr. Rother will ask the class to please rise to be presented to the Board of Education. After the presentation, the class will sit to await the awarding of diplomas.

Awarding of Diplomas

⇒ Each row will stand in unison one row at a time. Do not crowd!



⇒ Only ONE senior at a time will go to the podium.

⇒ Do not go to the podium until your name is called.

⇒ The Board member will hand you the diploma. Receive it with your left hand, and then shake hands with your right hand.

⇒ After you receive your diploma, **DO NOT** do anything to draw attention away from the student in line behind you receiving a diploma. Please walk calmly to your seat.

***Remind your family and friends not to bring foghorns or balloon bouquets.**

⇒ After the last diploma is awarded, the Board member will congratulate the Class of 2017 ask you all to stand, and instruct you to move your tassels from left to right.

⇒ Remain standing for the closing remarks.

⇒ After the closing remarks, stand to sing the Alma Mater.

⇒ **During the ceremony** proper behavior is expected. Do not behave in such a manner as to embarrass yourself or your family or you will be escorted off the field. Walk and sit up straight; do not chew gum; no use of electronic devices!

NOTE: If you receive the wrong diploma, please hold it until after the ceremony. Return it to Mrs. Graffeo and she will make the correct exchange.

REMEMBER if behavior is inappropriate, commencement exercises may be stopped and diplomas will be issued through the Principal's office on **June 2nd** (CHS is one of a few schools in AZ to issue diplomas during the ceremony).

*“Be strong enough to stand alone,
be yourself enough to stand apart, but be wise
enough to stand together when the time comes.”*

~ Mark Amend~

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