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Class of 2019



Chandler High School

**GRADUATION
INFORMATION**

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March 8, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians:

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 2019 graduation ceremony will be streamed live via the Internet at <http://www.sports360az.com>.

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. on Austin Field
- 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 2019. 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 23 and 24, 2019**. 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 22, 2019 | Senior Check-out completed—in the Bookstore | All Day |
| May 23, 2019 | Senior Final Exams | Periods 1-3-5 |
| May 24, 2019 | Senior Final Exams | Periods 2-4-6 |
| Date | Graduation Practices—Mandatory | Time |
| May 28, 2019 | A-L—1 st Graduation Practice at the CCA | 8:30 a.m. |
| May 28, 2019 | M-Z—1 st Graduation Practice at the CCA | 10:30 a.m. |
| May 29, 2019 | Final Graduation Practice—ALL on Austin Field | 5:30 a.m. |
| May 29, 2019 | - Graduation—report to Payne Gym for line-up - Commencement Begins | 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. |

Senior Check-out—Completed by May 22nd in the Bookstore

Senior check-out sheets will be handed out during English class in early May. All textbooks **must** be returned to your teacher by **May 22nd prior** to completing your check-out in the bookstore also on **May 22nd**. If your teacher is unavailable on **May 22nd**, you may return your textbooks to the bookstore.

Seniors may check-out earlier than **May 22nd** 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 22nd**.

Be sure to keep your check out receipt as it will be needed to pick up your cap & gown on May 28th after 1st Graduation Practice.

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 - May 28th, 2019

- Who?** ALL SENIORS and MID-YEAR GRADS--**Mandatory**
- When?** Tuesday, May 28, 2019 - last names A-L at 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday, May 28, 2019 - last names M-Z at 10:30 a.m.
- Where?** Chandler Center for the Arts (CCA)
- Why?** Name-reading for correct pronunciation; Cap and Gown and Stole 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 29th, 2019



FINAL PRACTICE— Mandatory attendance

- Who?** ALL SENIORS and MID-YEAR GRADS—A-Z
- When?** Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 5:45 a.m.
- Where?** Austin Field
- Why?** The early morning time allows us to practice the procession and finish all preparations before extreme heat.

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 THE PRACTICES, YOU WILL NOT BE ASSIGNED A PLACE IN LINE AND, THEREFORE, NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN GRADUATION.

Commencement Day - May 29th, 2019 (Cont'd)

STUDENT LINE UP:

Be at the Payne Gym by **7:00 p.m.** **Be in line** and ready for roll call at 7:30 p.m. Both boys and girls will line up in the Payne Gym to get ready for the procession.

Diplomas will be pulled for any student not in the 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:

Commencement begins at **8:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 29, 2019** 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 limited seating for disabled individuals and **one** companion only. State issued parking tags are required for access to handicapped parking and field passes required for field access.

Beginning May 1st, 2019, please call **480-812-7700** to make seating arrangements.

Diploma Photography - by Lifetouch



On graduation day, **Lifetouch** will be taking candid photos starting at 5:30 p.m. in the Payne Gym before the line up at 7:00 p.m. and during the commencement ceremonies on Austin Field.

During graduation, we will have a raised platform for awarding diplomas. A professional photographer from **Lifetouch** will take a photo of you receiving your diploma. 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 photo. (Parents/friends will not be allowed at the podium for photos.) Ordering information can be found at: <https://www.cusd80.com/Domain/1121>

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 or Flip flops |
| 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.

Caps & Gowns—**MUST** be purchased before April 12th

If you did not purchase your cap and gown before the December 7, 2018 due date, Jostens has allowed one more chance to purchase them **before April 12th** 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.**

The tassel is placed to the right side of the mortarboard before graduation and moved to the left side right after graduation.

Honor Society Members, please pick up your gold tassel after the first graduation practice on **May 28th**. Highest Honor and Scholar graduates will receive their stoles after the first graduation practice on **May 28th** from Mrs. Graffeo after paying **\$30.00** to Mrs. Barthelme in the Bookstore by **May 22nd**.

Final Transcripts



Final transcripts will be sent via Parchment. To receive transcripts, seniors will need to set up a free account online by visiting www.cusd80.com/chs then go to "Site Shortcuts" and click on the "Request a Transcript" link.

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 members 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 2019, ask you all to stand, and instruct you to move your tassels from right to left.
- 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 the register's office and they 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 **May 31st** (CHS is one of a few schools in AZ to issue diplomas during the ceremony).

*"You are on the eve of a complete victory.
You can't go wrong. The world is behind you."*

-Josephine Baker-

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