

Class of 2021



Graduation Information

Chandler High School

www.cusd80.com/chs



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Graduation is quickly approaching and we are very excited for our graduating Senior Class of 2021. 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 timeline for graduation and all final activities for seniors. Mid-year and COA graduates must fulfill all checkout and graduation practice requirements as well. Information has been provided to COA families for senior checkout through Infinite Campus.

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 2021 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 8:00a.m. with line up at 7:30a.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 our high school is extremely proud of the students of the Senior Class of 2021. This is the largest graduating class in the history of our school and despite the challenges brought on by the pandemic, they have achieved many great accomplishments. 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,

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Chandler High School
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Important Information

Senior exams will be given on **Thursday, May 20th** and **Friday, May 21st, 2021**. 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	Activity	Time
May 6, 2021	Caps, Gowns & Stole Distribution—by alpha	During school hours
May 12-19,2021	Senior Check-out completed—in the Bookstore	All day
May 20, 2021	Senior Final Exams	Periods 1-3-5
May 21, 2021	Senior Final Exams	Periods 2-4-6
Date	Graduation Practices—Mandatory	Time
May 24 2021	A-L—1st Graduation Practice at CCA	8:30am
May 25, 2021	M-Z—1st Graduation Practice at CCA	8:30am
May 26, 2021	Final Graduation Practice—ALL on Austin Field Distribution of Wrist Bands & Medallions	5:45am
May 27, 2021	Graduation Line Up — Girls in K Building — Boys in Payne Gym Commencement Begins	7:00pm 8:00pm

✓ *Senior Check-out—by May 19th 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 19th prior** to completing your check-out in the bookstore which is also on **May 19th**. If your teacher is unavailable, you may return your text books to the bookstore.

Seniors may check-out earlier than **May 19th** 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. Mid-year graduates are required to check-out in the bookstore prior to **May 19th**. COA families were sent emails from InTouch to arrange for check out.

✓ **Be sure to keep your check out receipt as it will be needed to be issued your field seating assignment card after the 1st Graduation Practice.**

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



1st Practices—May 24 & 25th—Mandatory

Who? ALL CHS & COA Seniors and Mid-year Grads

When? Monday, May 24th, 2021 ~ last names A-L at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, May 25th, 2021 ~ last names M-Z at 8:30 a.m.

Where? Chandler Center for the Arts (CCA) - Main Stage

Why? In-depth details about graduation provided including line up/procession requirements, appropriate attire, name reading for correct name pronunciation and obtain field seating assignments.

NOTE: To meet social distancing requirements **PLEASE only come on the day of your last name alpha.** Seniors will be turned away if they come on the wrong day.

Final Practice—May 26th—Mandatory

Who? ALL CHS & COA Seniors and Mid-year Grads

When? Wednesday, May 26th, 2021 at 5:45 a.m.

Why? To practice the procession, know seating location and finish all preparations before extreme heat. This year Chandler High School will be distributing latex free wrist band passes to each graduating senior for friends and family members to attend the graduation ceremonies on Austin Field. Seniors will also be receiving their medallion to be worn with the cap and gown.

Where? Austin Field

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

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

IMPORTANT: If you do not attend the **mandatory** practices, you will **not** receive your seat assignment or practice the procession for the commencement ceremony and therefore, not allowed to participate in the graduation.



Commencement Day—May 27th, 2021

Student Line Up: Be in appropriate location by **7:00p.m.** Girls in the K Building and Boys in the Payne Gym. **Be in line** and ready for roll call at 7:30p.m.

Diplomas will be pulled for any student not in line by 7:40p.m. You will not be allowed to "walk" if you are late! Leave your house early so that traffic, flat tires, etc. do not delay your arrival.

Commencement begins at **8:00p.m., Thursday, May 27th, 2021** at Austin Field.

Audience: You **MUST wear your wrist band** (latex free). You will **NOT** have access to Austin Field without wearing your wrist band. 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 will not be able to accommodate handicapped seating on Austin Field due to field capacity limitations for social distancing. The graduation ceremonies will be live streamed at this link: <http://www.sports360az.com>. State issued parking tags or license plates are required for access to handicapped parking.

Diploma Photography—by Lifetouch

During graduation, we will have a raised platform for awarding the diplomas. A professional photographer from **Lifetouch** will take a photo of you before you enter the ramp and when 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 are **NOT** allowed at the podium to take photos.

Ordering information can be found at:

[https://events.lifetouch.com/
tempHomepage.aspx?EventID=170698](https://events.lifetouch.com/tempHomepage.aspx?EventID=170698)



✓ *What is OK to wear at graduation?*

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 colored dress	Jeans
Light colored shirt	Shorts	Neat slacks and blouse	Shorts
Shoes—shined	Sandals, flip flops or tennis shoes	Shoes with medium or low heels or open toe dress shoes	Sandals, flip flops, stilettos or tennis shoes
Dark colored tie or bow tie*	No tie		

*The graduation gown looks incomplete without a tie.

✓ *Caps & Gowns—Distributed on May 6th during class*

If you did not purchase your cap and gown before the April 15th due date, Jostens is offering students the opportunity to purchase them on **May 6th** for \$50.00 (cash only accepted). 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. **Floral leis, cords or any other decorations are NOT permitted.**

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

✓ *National Honor Society Members*

All NHS Students with a GPA of 3.25 or higher will receive their stoles in the Payne Gym on **May 6th** from Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Ferguson after paying **\$35.00** to Mrs. Barthelme in the Bookstore by **April 30th**.

✓ *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 boys and girls in alpha order, 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

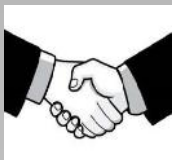
Speeches and Music—remain seated

Presentation of Class—Mr. Franklin 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!

Boys to the home (west) side of the stage and girls to the visitors (east) side of the stage and returning down center aisle.



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 and exit stage down the center aisle.

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 back to your seat.

***PLEASE 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 2021 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 Mrs. Graffeo in the registrars office and she will make the correction.

REMEMBER if behavior is inappropriate, commencement exercises may be stopped and diplomas will be issued through the Principal's office on **May 28th**.

2021 Senior Class Motto:

“Life is not what you alone make it. Life is the input of everyone who touched your life and every experience that entered it. We are all part of one another.” ~ Yuri Kochiyama

Visit us at www.cusd80.com/chs for more information.

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