

# Graduation Contract: Class of 2024

## Graduation Ceremony Contract

Clovis West 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 must notify their Counselor and may pick up their diploma in the main office on the day following the graduation ceremony.

Clovis West High School agrees to provide a site and appropriate facilities for the ceremony and to provide the legal and traditional procedures required for such occasions. In addition, Clovis West 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, gum, 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 will receive their diploma at a designated area. In addition to exemplifying behavior appropriate to the activity, parents shall instruct, encourage and demand that their sons and daughters adhere to the letter and spirit of the requirements listed here, and shall pledge to support Clovis West 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 the 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.

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Print Student Name

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ID Number

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Student Signature

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Parent Signature

**\*Turn in this page to the Deputy Principal Office by Friday, May 24th.**