

Hoover High School  
**Graduation 2024**  
*Information Packet*



# Commencement Protocol

Commencement is a serious and solemn occasion. It is a special and important night not only for you, but it is extremely important for your family and friends. You owe it to yourself, your family, and Hoover High School to be at your very best and to conduct yourself with dignity. Please remember that graduation is a dignified occasion. ***We want to make this event special for you, your family and friends. Please dress and act according to the guidelines outlined below.***

## Location/Arrival Time:

- Hoover High School commencement will be held Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, at the Save Mart Center at 8pm
- ***Seniors should plan to arrive at the Save Mart Center no later than 6:15pm***
- Doors open at 7:00PM for spectators

## Things to Remember:

- Cap, gown, and tassel
- Wear cap straight and not tilted on your head.
- Tassel should be worn on the **right side** until after diplomas have been awarded and you are given the instruction to turn them.
- Cultural Stoles can be worn but must be under your Hoover stole

## Personal Belongings:

- Purses, cameras, sunglasses, and bags cannot be carried in the processional. Leave these items with someone who will be attending your graduation. Personal items cannot be left backstage.

## Posture and Manners:

**This is an honor. Please act with the utmost respect for the ceremony and those who have worked hard for you to participate.**

- Walk proper.
- Sit up straight in your seat.
- Do not talk during the processional, recessional or at your seat at any time during the commencement ceremony.
- Do not chew gum.
- No whistling, yelling, waving or any other type of distraction.
- **Nothing should be added to your cap or gown.**
- Save Mart Center Security will search all graduates; this is Save Mart Center policy.
- Take the diploma in the left hand; shake hands with your right hand.

## Unacceptable Behaviors:

- Screaming or calling out remarks, side comments, and nicknames.
- Disrupting the graduation ceremony by passing around, displaying, or inflating objects such as signs, beach balls, pictures, or any other object.
- Physical displays such as cartwheels, flips, peace signs, dancing etc.
- Using any type of noise making device such as air horns, bells etc.
- ***Any behavior or mode of dress deemed disruptive or distracting from the graduation ceremony.***

***Any person engaging in behavior that is unacceptable will be removed from the Save Mart Center by security personnel.***

# Graduation Attire Recommendations

## Appropriate Attire:

- Dress, skirt, dress pants, or slacks
- Dress shirt with collar, button shirt
- Ties or bow tie with button ups
- Your dress or skirt should not be longer than the graduation gown
- Dress heels, dress sandals, or dress shoes, dress socks
- **No tennis shoes, athletic sandals, or flip flops**
- **No jeans**
- **No corsages**
- **Tie (optional but highly recommended)**

**Nothing should be added to your cap or gown.**

After receiving your diploma cover, **DO NOT** throw your cap.

**Remember graduation is a privilege not a right.**

Please respect all those who have worked hard, including each other, for this day!

## Prohibited Spectator Items at Graduation Venues

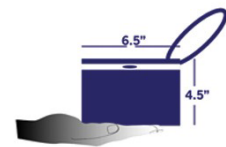
In order to provide a safe and secure environment for all, the following items are not permitted in any of the Fresno Unified Graduation Ceremonies, but not limited to:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Posters</li><li>• Bottles, cans, coolers, or similar items</li><li>• Food, drinks, or illegal substances</li><li>• Any weapon, including chains and/or studded bracelets</li><li>• Video equipment, professional cameras, tripods or recording devices</li><li>• Laser pointers, aerosol cans, noisemakers, and/or fireworks</li><li>• Backpacks, unwrapped gifts, bags larger than 4.5" x 6.5" or 6.5" x 4.5", clear plastic bags larger than 12" x 6" x 12", boxes</li><li>• Umbrellas</li><li>• Helium balloons</li><li>• Smoking, including e-cigarettes or vapors</li><li>• Lighters of any kind</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Selfie sticks</li><li>• Pets or non-service animals</li><li>• Any other items determined to be unacceptable or dangerous by management</li><li>• Explosives</li><li>• Guns</li><li>• Stun guns</li><li>• Handcuffs</li><li>• Brass knuckles</li><li>• Sticks</li><li>• Clubs</li><li>• Batons</li><li>• Martial arts instruments</li><li>• Pepper spray</li><li>• Tear gas</li><li>• Knives with blades over 2" in length</li></ul> |
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## **BAG POLICY**



**CLEAR BAG**



**SMALL CLUTCH**

**ONE CLEAR BAG THAT DOES NOT EXCEED  
12" x 12" x 6"**

**OR**

**ONE (1) NON-CLEAR SMALL CLUTCH  
THAT DOES NOT EXCEED  
4.5" x 6.5" x 2"**

**An exception will be made for any necessary  
medical items, but all such items are subject to  
inspection prior to entry into Save Mart Center.**

## Parking:

Students and guests may park in the Save Mart Center lots off Shaw/Woodrow and Chestnut.

**Parking Fees:** \$10.00 autos, \$20.00 limo, \$40.00 RVs

**Save Mart Center will only accept debit/credit cards. NO CASH.**

## Graduation Walking Partners

Seniors have the option of selecting their own walking partner for graduation. Walking partners enter, sit, and exit together. In order to make the color of gowns visually appealing, there are options with your walking partner. **Option A:** You pick a partner with the opposite color gown from you. If you're in white; your partner is in green. You will be seated in the front rows. **Option B:** You pick a partner with the same color gown as you. If you're in green; your partner is in green. You will be seated towards the back half rows. If a student does not select a partner, a partner will be selected for them. There will be no empty seats.

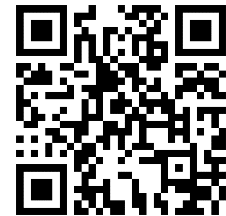
**SENIORS, CHOOSE WISELY; THERE WILL BE NO REARRANGING OF PARTNERS AFTER THE INITIAL MATCHING HAS BEEN COMPLETED. *You will choose your partner and your actual GRADUATION SEAT on June 1<sup>st</sup>.***

## Graduation Tryouts

### National Anthem:

A senior or group of seniors will be selected to sing the National Anthem. Auditions will be Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 3:15 – 4:00pm in Music 1. Please fill out the interest form before auditioning. You may type in the link or scan the QR code.

<https://forms.office.com/r/tLfHFFNMJO>



### Valedictorian AND Senior Speech:

A valedictorian speech is given by a valedictorian. Student must try out and be selected to give speech. There will also be a senior speech at graduation. This is open to all graduating seniors. Please click the link or scan the QR code to see examples of speeches as well as sign up to tryout. Valedictorian and Senior speech tryouts are Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> or Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, at 3:15pm in room 4.

<https://forms.office.com/r/YrjeuSzvdl>



### Flag Salute:

A senior will be selected by the faculty to lead the pledge of allegiance.

## Processional Teachers

There are 26 teachers that get to help lead the graduates onto the graduation floor for the graduation ceremony. The teachers wear a gown, walk in front of a group of students, and sit in the rows with the students. You get to nominate which teachers you would like to be on the floor with you for graduation! Think back to ALL FOUR YEARS of your high school experience and the teachers that have impacted your experience. Scan the QR code to nominate teachers.



## Cap and Gown Ordering Information

**Jostens:** You will pick up your cap, gown, and tassel during Senior Check Out Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Cap, gown, and tassel order deadlines are MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>! Use the link or QR code to order. <https://tinyurl.com/bdhaebuw>



## Diploma Name

Your legal name will be printed on your diploma. Please see the Registrar for a name change on diploma; you must have proof of birth certificate name change with you. However, the name that you have read at graduation does not have to be your legal name. It can be the name you identify with.

## Senior Send Off Week

Our Senior Send Off Week is Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Theme will be all about embracing the nostalgic vibes from elementary, middle, and high school. Think of your favorite games, music, tv shows, and foods from your school upbringing and combine it all into one fun week! Scan the QR code to have input on the Senior Send Off Week!



# African American High School Recognition Ceremony

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC. SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY ALUMNAE CHAPTER

SINCE **31** 1993 **AFRICAN AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL RECOGNITION CEREMONY**

**Keynote Speaker**  
**Fredy Tshibanda, PE**  
 Mechanical Engineer  
 New England Sheet Metal and Mechanical Co.

*It takes a village to raise a child. - Unknown*

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**JUNE 2, 2024**  
**3 PM AT THE SAVE MART CENTER**

**SCAN TO REGISTER**  
<http://tinyurl.com/2024AAHSC>  
**FOR MORE INFO**  
 Dr. Lisa Mitchell and Dr. Sonja Wilson  
 sjvaeducationaldevelopment@gmail.com

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 Fresno Unified School District, FRESNO STATE, EECU, CalViva HEALTH, CLOVIS, WE BELIEVE MADERA UNIFIED, abc 70

Register by Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Link and QR code to register:

[Http://tinyurl.com/2024AAHSC](http://tinyurl.com/2024AAHSC)



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**INVITADOS ESPECIALES**

**FUSD MARIACHI**  
**FUSD AZTECA**  
**FUSD FOLKLORICO**  
**DR SAÚL JIMÉNEZ-SANDOVAL**  
 PRESIDENT, CSU FRESNO

**LATINX High School Celebration**

**SECOND ANNUAL High School Celebration**

**RECONOCIMIENTOS:**  
 PRIMERA GENERACION  
 STATE SEAL OF BILITERACY  
 STATE SEAL OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

**SENIORS REGÍSTRENSE HOY**

**DOMINGO 2 DE JUNIO @ 7 PM**  
**Save Mart Center**

**FOLLOW US:**  
 @fresnolatinxgrads  
 Fresno Latinx Grads

QR code to register:

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## Senior Check Out

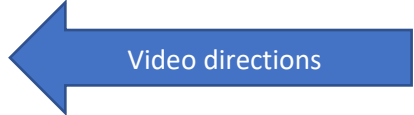
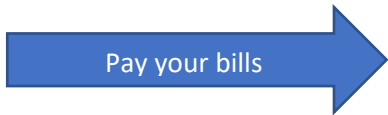
**Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Seniors will receive a check out form and have until Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, to get all teachers signatures, financial window, and library signatures. Seniors will need to return items to library and pay any necessary bills.

On Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, students will be required to formally check out in the cafeteria. Once students have checked out and all bills are paid, students will take their completed form to their counselor, located in the cafeteria, for final clearance. Caps and gowns will then be available for pick up. **The check out process will be after school. Students must go to ALL classes on May 24<sup>th</sup>.**

## Paying Your School Bill

All library books, textbooks, equipment, and athletic gear must be turned in or paid for by Senior Check Out. You will not be cleared for Senior Check Out without your items turned in or paid for. You can find out your bills and what you owe by going to <http://destiny.fresnounified.org> or scanning QR Code. Go to ATLAS Student Portal to Clever.



## Senior Slideshow

The Senior Slideshow will be played at the Senior Sunset Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Each senior can submit two photos from their high school experience. Try not to upload the same photos your friends do! You can only do 2 photos!! Please click the link or scan the QR code. Photos are Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. **THAT'S TWO WEEKS AWAY!**

<https://tinyurl.com/brv4yhvs>



## Yearbook

Scan the QR code to buy your yearbook for \$60!



## End of Year Dates and Events

- **Prom**
  - April 20<sup>th</sup> at Wolf Lakes
- **Senior Expectations Window**
  - April 8<sup>th</sup> – June 4<sup>th</sup>
  - You must sign and return your contract in order to participate in all activities. During the Senior Expectations Period, April 8<sup>th</sup> – June 4<sup>th</sup>, you are expected to continue to conduct yourself as a PATRIOT on campus and at all school-connected activities. **Behaviors that could result in suspension will result in removal of your walking privilege.**
- **AP Testing**
  - May 6<sup>th</sup> – May 17<sup>th</sup>
- **Pates of Distinction**
  - Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>
- **Senior Finals**
  - May 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>
- **Senior Send Off Rally**
  - Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>
- **Senior Check Out**
  - Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>
  - Cap & Gown Distribution
- **Senior Walks**
  - Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>
  - 8:00am – 12:00pm at Hoover region middle and elementary schools
- **Graduation Practice 1**
  - Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>
  - 9:00am – 12:00pm at the Event Center
  - REQUIRED PRACTICE
- **Senior Sunset**
  - Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>
  - 6:00 – 8:30pm at the Hoover Pool
- **Grad Nite**
  - May 31<sup>st</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup> at Universal Studios
- **Final Graduation Practice 2**
  - Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>
  - 10:00am at Save Mart Center
- **Graduation**
  - Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Student call time – 6:15pm; Start time – 8:00pm



First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School ID: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fresno Unified School District**  
**Graduation Contract**  
**Class of 2024**  
**(BP/AR 5127)**

Return your signed Senior Contract to your English teacher by Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

1. I, \_\_\_\_\_, do agree to abide by the following items of this Senior Contract for the duration of my senior year, specifically as it relates to any and all senior activities, including commencement.
2. I will return or make payment for all library books, textbooks, equipment and athletic uniforms/equipment by senior check out.
3. I understand that my conduct may jeopardize my ability to participate in senior activities and my graduation ceremony.
  - A. If I receive an off campus suspension from school in the second semester I will receive an official notification.
  - B. If I receive a second off campus suspensions offense, I may **NOT** be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.
  - C. If I receive an off campus suspension within the last 20 school attendance days, I may be denied the privilege of participating in the graduation ceremony, even if that off campus suspension is my first off campus suspension during my senior year.
  - D. After senior check- out, but before the graduation ceremony, if I engage in behavior that is inappropriate and would be considered a suspendable offense, I may **NOT** be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.
4. I will abide by all school policies, rules and regulations as stated in this High School's Student Handbook. This includes ALL STUDENT ACTIVITIES on and off campus. **I realize that failure to comply with all school rules and policies may affect my participating in graduation commencement and senior activities**
5. I will fulfill all academic requirements for a diploma or certificate of completion. Satisfactory progress in all courses must be maintained to participate in senior activities. I understand that I may not be allowed to participate in the graduation commencement ceremony and/or receive a diploma or certificate of completion until all requirements are met.
6. I will attend school on a consistent basis. Confirmed truancies will affect my grade and place me at risk of not graduating. Truancies will result in being placed on the "NON-PARTICIPATION" list for school sponsored activities including senior activities and the graduation commencement ceremony.
7. I will attend commencement practice. If I do not attend commencement practice, without prior approval by an Administrator, I will not be allowed to participate in the graduation commencement ceremony.
8. I understand senior pranks will not be tolerated and, if I participate in a senior prank, I jeopardize the privilege of participating in the senior activities, including the graduation commencement ceremony.
9. Prior to denial of the privilege of graduation, the student, and their parent/guardian, shall be made aware of the grounds for such denial and shall be given an opportunity to respond. If a privilege of participation in the graduation ceremony is to be denied, the student and parent/guardian shall receive notice of the denied privilege and the means whereby they may appeal the decision.

**Return this contract to the Administration Office by the last school day in April of your graduation year.**

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_