



Date: May 1, 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian(s):

This is always a special time and I would like to congratulate you as you proudly celebrate the momentous occasion of your child's graduation from Willow Canyon High School. Please allow me to share some specifics with you for your planning purposes.

The graduation ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2019, at 1:30 p.m., at the State Farm Stadium located at 1 Cardinals Drive, Glendale. Students are required to be at the stadium at 12:30 p.m. Parking will be on the west side of the stadium and Willow Canyon High School families/guests will be entering through Gate 1; students will be entering through Gate 2. The stadium map is attached for your perusal.

Graduation rehearsal will be held on Monday, May 13th, at 1:00 p.m., in the Willow Canyon High School auditorium/gyms. **Attendance is mandatory unless prior approval is granted.** The Senior Luncheon will be held on Monday, May 13th, at 12:45 p.m., in the Ramada area.

Caps/gowns will be distributed on Monday, May 6th, from 7:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m., in the auditorium lobby.

Graduates will be issued their Graduation Check-Out Sheet on Monday, May 6th, to be completed and returned to ensure graduation status. The check-out schedule is as follows:

- Textbooks/library books must be returned and student fees paid by the close of business on Thursday, May 9th. If you have any questions, contact Tammy Staten, bookstore manager, at (623)523-8021.
- Student lunch accounts must be paid in full by Wednesday, May 8th. Please contact Madonna Max, cafeteria manager, at (623)523-8031, with any questions.

Graduation from high school is a joyous celebration. An event that includes inspirational messages, speeches and recognition of officials and accomplishments. Our goal as a professional staff at Willow Canyon High School is to provide a ceremony defined by both dignity and decorum. To ensure that goal, I have reviewed with the seniors a number of expectations. Please carefully review the following expectations and reiterate them with your graduate as well.

- Appropriate dress is required for graduation. Students **not** in appropriate attire will **not** be able to participate.
- Male graduates: dress shirt and tie is the expectation, dress slacks, khakis, dress shoes (no athletic shoes or sandals/flip flops).
- Female graduates: dress, dress pants, blouse, dress shoes (no athletic shoes or flip flops). Spiked heels are not recommended.
- A school medallion and honor cords from a nationally affiliated organization may be worn over the gown, **no other adornment/additions are allowed.** Please see club sponsor for clarification and/or qualifications.
- Graduates must hand carry their gown into the stadium and after a final check-in will be allowed to put them on. Grads are not to carry anything with them during graduation (cell phones, cameras or purses, etc.). These items should be left with a parent or guest.

Graduation is a formal celebration; appropriate behavior is expected at all times. Students displaying inappropriate behavior at any time (before or after graduation rehearsal or ceremony) will be removed.

The Willow Canyon High School community of administrators and faculty salute you on your graduate's successful completion of high school. We all look forward to celebrating the Class of 2019 with you, your family and friends.

Sincerely,

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