

Show Low High School

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2024 Graduation Ceremony Agreement Form

High School graduation is one of the great landmarks in a person's life, and one of the most popular times for families to come together in celebration of a great accomplishment. We are committed to helping students accomplish all of the necessary requirements for graduation, and are committed to putting together a graduation ceremony that is both professional and safe for students and their families.

We ask that the students commit to these same goals and adhere to the following standards of behavior in order to participate in the graduation ceremony:

- Passing Classes Required for Graduation: You will not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony if you did not pass all of your classes required for graduation prior to the grade deadline of May 15th, 2024. Students will be able to recover any missing credits during summer school in June and still receive their diploma as part of the Class of 2024, but will not be given the option to rush through those courses in the week leading up to graduation ceremonies.
- No Unapproved "Senior Pranks": Although some pranks can be completely harmless, the nature of a prank is that the next class needs to "one up" the previous class, and it begins a trend that can ultimately lead to destruction of property or harm to students. This is a trend that we have zero tolerance for, and any student who is part of a senior prank will not be allowed to participate in graduation ceremonies (in addition to possible referral to law enforcement).
 - On the past we have allowed seniors to present prank ideas through their student council to be approved by administration, and we will continue to allow this practice if they so choose. We understand that getting approval diminishes a "prank", but we wanted to provide an avenue for some ideas nonetheless.
- Senior Trip: Students must take the school provided transportation to/from the senior trip. Any student who chooses to leave the event at any time (without teacher/sponsor permission), engages in misconduct, illegal or inappropriate behaviors, understands that they will be required to have a parent/guardian come pick them up from the trip as well as possible referral to law enforcement when necessary. Additionally, they will not be able to participate in the graduation ceremony.
- Overdue Fees: Leading up to graduation, the SLHS Finance Secretary will be in contact with those students who have any remaining balance in their account. This may be due to

missing library books, lunch fees, unpaid course or extracurricular participation fees, etc. All fees <u>must be paid</u> in order to participate in the graduation ceremony. Anyone with a financial hardship and needing to request a payment plan or waiver, please contact Mr. Marchant.

- **Graduation Rehearsal Attendance:** All graduates intending to participate in the graduation ceremony MUST attend the rehearsal that morning. Students not in attendance for rehearsal will not be permitted to walk at graduation that evening.
- **Graduation Dress Code:** The following dress code rules will be evaluated upon arrival at graduation, and if found in violation of any of these rules you will be required to fix it before walking into Hatch Toyota Arena or you will not walk at all.
 - Professional Dress Below the Knees: This is the only section not covered by the gown, so any pants worn should not be frayed or contain holes, and all shoes should be clean and professional. Jeans and/or boots are permitted, but should be clean and formal.
 - **Clothes Beneath the Gown:** You will be required to wear your gown throughout the duration of the night on campus, but must be fully dressed beneath the gown.
 - Cap Decorations: Cap decorations <u>will be</u> allowed under certain parameters. The decorations must be considered school appropriate (no gang, drug, or alcohol references -- no crude, foul or inappropriate language) and must not overly detract from the formality of the ceremonies. The approval of the caps will in some cases be a judgment call by the administration, so if you are considering any decorations that may be pushing the limits, please get the decorations pre-approved.

Student Name (Print):	Date:	
Student Signature:	Date:	
Parent Signature:	Date:	

**Must return the signed form to Mrs. Adams before May 15th **