



HILLTOP HIGH SCHOOL
"A California Distinguished School"
SWEETWATER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
"The Focus At Hilltop Is Academics"

Office of the Principal

Hilltop High School
555 Claire Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91910

January 17, 2019

Dear Lancer Parents,

As the 2018-19 school year draws to a close, it is time to remind you of the graduation requirements for the senior "Class of 2019." To receive a diploma, seniors must earn a total of 44 credits and complete thirty (30) hours of community service. These are District and State requirements.

Senior Activities and Graduation Ceremony Requirements and Expectations

Planned senior activities (Prom, GradNite, Senior Picnic, etc.) and the Graduation Ceremony are **privileges** and not rights. As such, seniors are expected to adhere to all school rules, policies and regulations. Any senior committing a suspendable offense, may be prohibited from attending any or all school sponsored events. To participate in the Graduation Ceremony, in addition to meeting all the Graduation requirements, seniors must:

- 1) Not be in violation of a school rule, policy and/or regulation resulting in a suspension
- 2) Clear all outstanding debts by May 24, 2019

Zero Tolerance Policy

The Graduation Ceremony is a privilege and not a right. Hilltop High School has a history of having well-organized and dignified Graduation Ceremonies that students, staff, parents and guests have been proud to attend. The implementation of a "Zero Tolerance" policy has helped to ensure this expectation. I believe it is especially important to continue with the tradition of a dignified ceremony in honor of the graduates and all of those in attendance. I am positive you agree.

The Zero Tolerance Policy was created to eliminate disruptions of the ceremony from the graduating seniors. If there is a disruption because of inappropriate behavior the ceremony may be immediately cancelled.

Please take this time to discuss the content of this letter with your son/daughter and remind him/her of the importance of continuing to make good choices, to be responsible and to continue to contribute to "Setting the Standard for Excellence" as he/she enters the final phase of his/her high school journey. Equally important, please help to ensure all Graduation obligations and requirements are being met in a timely manner. Graduation Ceremony details are also included.

Sincerely,

Mr. Scott Tanner
Principal



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We are pleased to continue the Graduation Ceremony tradition of "Graduation with Class."

- **The graduation ceremony will be held on Thursday, June 6, 2019, at 2:00 pm (TBD), in Dodds Stadium at Hilltop High School.**
- Enclosed you will find the Hilltop High School Senior Contract for the "Class of 2019." All graduates and their parents will be required to sign a contract that lists behavioral expectations from now through the Graduation Ceremony. The signed contract must be **returned** to the main office **on or before 3:00 PM on Friday, February 1, 2019**. Failure to return the signed document as stipulated will exclude the senior from participation in the Graduation Ceremony. Note the hours to return contracts printed on the document.
- Seniors should wear business or semi-formal (not casual) attire under their gowns.
 - All students should wear dress shoes but not any shoes that will pierce the turf (e.g. stilettos)
 - Do not carry purses, bags, flowers (including leis), cameras, cell phones, balloons, unapproved sashes or stoles, or any other disruptive/distracting items.
 - Seniors are not allowed to decorate their caps or gowns either.
- Parents need to know the following information:
 - Anticipate that they will be asked to open bags and purses for inspection by staff or security, similar to inspection at a ballpark or stadium. Disruptive/distracting items are not permitted.
 - Bring only items appropriate for a formal ceremony (floral bouquets or balloon bouquets small enough to allow people seated behind you to see the ceremony without obstructing their view)
 - **Do not bring disruptive items** such as noisemakers or air horns, objects that distract the audience or graduates, such as large balloons, beach balls, banners or posters. Large items such as balloons and posters may be placed at the top of the bleachers for the duration of the ceremony. Security or Hilltop High staff will confiscate these items.
 - Remain in bleacher seating. Seating is **NOT** allowed on the track, field, aisles, walkways or against the fences during the entire ceremony.
 - The entrance to the turf field/track will remain closed and no one is to enter before, during or after the ceremony. Please help us preserve the track and turf field.
 - Students will recess after the ceremony to the amphitheater
- There is **limited handicap parking** available at Hilltop High School. **YOU MUST LET THE OFFICE KNOW BY May 23, 2019 IF YOU WILL NEED DISABLED PARKING.** Please fill out a request form in the main office. You will then receive a special June 6 Hilltop Graduation pass. Please plan your arrival on June 6 to allow time for the contingencies that can occur when a large number of people attempt to access the amphitheater disabled parking. There are only a limited number of parking spots. Once all limited passes are passed out, no other passes will be distributed. You must show your CA DMV handicap parking authorization and your Hilltop Parking pass to be admitted through the gate.
- In addition to the Graduation Ceremony, other important events are scheduled including GradNite, Senior Prom, Senior Picnic and Senior Banquet. All major senior events are listed on the enclosed **Senior Activities**. Please review this document with your senior to ensure that he/she meets requirements to participate in the various senior celebrations.



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SENIOR CONTRACT

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- a) Seniors must not be in violation of a school rule, policy and/or regulation resulting in a suspension.
 - b) Seniors must clear all outstanding debt (library and Sat Schools) by May 24, 2019.
- I. I clearly acknowledge if I violate any school rule, policy and/or regulation during my senior year, I may be prohibited from attending senior extra-curricular activities including Prom, Grad Night, and Senior Banquet.
 - II. I clearly acknowledge if I am found to be engaged in inappropriate and/or illegal behavior at a senior school sponsored event (Prom, Grad Night, etc.) I may be prohibited from participating in the Graduation Ceremony of June 6, 2019.
 - III. "Zero Tolerance" The Zero Tolerance Policy was created to eliminate disruptions of the ceremony from the graduating seniors. If there is a disruption because of inappropriate behavior, the ceremony may be immediately cancelled.

Graduating Senior: _____
 (Print first and last name)

Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____
 (Print first and last name)

Signature: _____

***Students *MUST* return this signed Senior Contract to the Main Office:
 Monday – Friday between the hours of 7:00am – 3:30pm.**

****Last Day to turn in this Senior Contract is FRI FEB 1, 2019****



Hilltop High School

Associated Student Body

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Final Months of Senior Activities 2019

Upon return from Spring Break, all transactions at ASB are CASH ONLY!!!

- March 18 Prom tickets on sale; Must complete 30 hrs community service to buy ticket
Yearbooks on sale; \$85
- April 11 Voting for teachers conferring diplomas
- April 12 Spring Sports Assembly – voting results announced
- April 22-24 Prom tickets on sale at higher prices. No tickets sold after
- April 27 Prom @ Broadway Pier; 7pm-11pm. No admittance after 8:30pm
- May 6 – 17 AP Testing
- May 18 GradNite @ Disneyland and California Adventure: 12N – 2:00am 5/19
- May 24 Senior Picnic @ 12pm - yearbooks and cap & gowns distributed
- May 28 Senior Banquet – 6pm - Location: TBD – Ticket Price: \$35
- May 29 ASB Awards Assembly – Wear cap/gown
Scholarship Night – Invitation only
- May 29-30 Senior Final Exams. Regular schedule in your senior classes
- May 29 Senior Clearance Processing 12:00pm – 3:00pm
- ❖ ASB Awards Assembly - gym
 - ❖ Scholarship Night – 6:00pm in the Gym
- May 30 Senior Goodbye Pep Assembly
- May 31 Seniors Last Full Day of School! Receive Grades
- June 3 Late pickup Cap/gowns ASB
- June 4 Late pickup yearbooks ASB
- June 5 Senior Graduation Practice (Mandatory) 12N @ stadium
- June 6 Graduation Ceremony – 2:00 p.m. - Dodds Stadium @ Hilltop HS
- ❖ **Seniors Must Report No Later Than 1:00 p.m. to the gym at Hilltop HS**
 - ❖ ***Remember – No Cell Phones, Leis, or Other Items Permitted***
- June 7 *Pick up diplomas at counseling center*