

## EXPECTATIONS AND UNDERSTANDING FOR PARTICIPATION IN COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

The Commencement is a traditional, formal school ceremony for conferring diplomas and certificates of completion to students who fulfill graduation requirements by May 27, 2022. It is the school's way of honoring each student who has completed all academic requirements for graduation, has demonstrated "GLOBAL" student outcomes (genuine, legitimate, optimistic, broad-minded, adaptable, and loyal), and has met all his or her financial obligations to the school.

The ceremony itself also reflects what you, the graduating senior, have learned and accomplished during your thirteen years of schooling, especially the last four years. More specifically, it is really your last "project." The commencement will demonstrate to the faculty and staff, your family and friends, the underclassmen, and the community that you are now ready to assume your rightful role in society as a decent, caring, and responsible citizen.

Participating in commencement is voluntary. Students who fulfill the graduation requirements on a timely basis will have earned the PRIVILEGE of participating in commencement.

The school administration has the responsibility to ensure that commencement is a safe, dignified, and memorable event for all participants. For this reason, **the school may revoke your participation privilege if you pose a risk to the safety, order, and decorum of the ceremony.** The school may revoke your privilege of participating in the Commencement Ceremony under any of the following circumstances:

1. Students must abide by the following deadlines:

- a. Meet all financial debts: All debts must be paid by **May 20, 2022, 3:00 P.M**  
PAYMENT CAN ONLY BE IN CASH, MONEY ORDER, CERTIFIED OR CASHIER'S CHECK (no personal checks).

Students/parents may pay at the business office window during school business hours (8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.) through Thursday, May 19, 2022. On Friday, May 20, 2022 all payments must be made by 3:00 p.m. in order to participate in the commencement exercises.

Obligations are emailed to students and students need to check their emails for these notices. Students/parents may also email [gherrera@djuhsd.org](mailto:gherrera@djuhsd.org) to check on obligations.

**Examples** of financial debts: obligations from athletic uniforms; outstanding class dues/fees; outstanding fund-raising obligations; and obligations for lost or damaged textbooks.

- b. **All academic work must be completed and turned in to your teachers by 3:15 P.M., Friday, May 27, 2022. If you receive a "F" or a "NC" for any course required for graduation credit, you will not be permitted to participate in the June 2, 2022 Commencement Ceremony.**

**However, you will have until June 3, 2022, to do the work needed to pass and, subsequently, receive a diploma. You must continue to come to class up until June 3<sup>th</sup> to pass.**

2. The student does not comply with the following standards of conduct and dress regarding participation in commencement:

a. The marching/sitting rehearsal on Thursday June 2, 2022 is mandatory. The student will attend ONLY his/her assigned rehearsal time. Being tardy to rehearsal may jeopardize the student's participation in the ceremony and/or the student may be detained after the rehearsal.

b. Appropriate Dress – students must abide by the following dress standards:

1. The Cardinal graduation cap and gown with tassel purchased from Jostens must be worn appropriately.

a. No decorations on the graduation cap or gown, UNLESS displaying college of choice or military branch. Only approved, official pins, sashes, and up to three (3) medals are allowed. Requests for approval must be submitted to school administration at least 14 days prior to graduation day.

2. Under the gown the student must wear the following:

a. Follow school dress code policy;

b. Shoes – NO STILETTO HEELS allowed on stadium field. NO STRAPLESS HEELS OR SANDALS. Wedge or square heels are okay.

3. Conduct of participants preceding or during the ceremony:

Students are to conduct themselves accordingly so that the ceremony can be conducted in a safe and dignified manner. Disruptive behavior such as booing, talking/shouting, or standing while speakers are talking is unacceptable.

It is the **responsibility of each student** desiring to participate in commencement to review and abide by the agreement described in this notice, and to seek clarification, if needed, with Mr. Shiriden Prince (Assistant Principal of Discipline) and/or with his/her guidance counselor.

**PRINT AND SIGN THE EXPECTATIONS AND UNDERSTANDING FOR PARTICIPATION IN COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES - PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT ON THE NEXT PAGE AND TURN IN THE AGREEMENT. Deadline May 20, 2022.**

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PARTICIPATION IN COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES**

**PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**

I, the student voluntarily participating in commencement, understand that I must meet all academic, financial, and other expectations described in the document **EXPECTATIONS AND UNDERSTANDING FOR PARTICIPATION IN COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES** in order to participate in Cesar E. Chavez High School's commencement exercises on June 2, 2022. My signature and the signature of my parent or guardian below indicates that we understand that if I do not fulfill the expectations described in this document the school administrator(s) shall deny my participation in the commencement exercises. We also acknowledge that plans and procedures may change based on updated regulations from the Department of Education and/or from the Department of Health.

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Print LEGAL Name of Student

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Student's Signature

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Date

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PRINT Name of Parent/Guardian

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Parent's/Guardian's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Complete and return this form to the Attendance Office Window no later than May 20, 2022 by 3:15 pm.**

Drop off at the school attendance office

OR

Email - Gloria Herrera, Discipline Secretary

[ghererra@djuhsd.org](mailto:ghererra@djuhsd.org)

For Office: Received by \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_.  
Receiver's signature Date received

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