

Letter to Parents/Guardians

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Graduation day is rapidly approaching for Elk Grove High School's Class of 2019. It seems that those last events of high school are the ones we always remember. We offer the information in this booklet to help you plan for the events that lead up to your senior's graduation day.

As we get closer to graduation, seniors are reminded to make good choices. Please work with us in encouraging your son/daughter to be responsible so that he/she will not put participation in events like Prom, Senior Breakfast, and the Graduation Ceremony in jeopardy.

Final exams for seniors will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 21 and May 22. Seniors who have not met all graduation requirements of High School District 214 are not permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony and are not issued diplomas.

Thursday, May 23, begins with the traditional Senior Breakfast at 7:00 AM at the Itasca Country Club. The dress code is "business casual".

The Prom and Post-Prom events will take place on Friday, May 24. The Elk Grove High School staff and the Post Prom Parent Organization have made every attempt to ensure that all students who attend the prom and post prom will enjoy a wonderful and safe evening!

The Senior Award Ceremony and Commencement Rehearsal is scheduled for Friday, May 24, starting at 8:00 a.m. in the gym. Students must wear their graduation gowns for this ceremony. Mortarboards are ***not worn*** at the Senior Award Ceremony. Students receiving a senior medallion or any of the honor awards – Highest Honors, High Honors and Honors will receive their stole or cord at this ceremony. Since pictures will be taken at the Senior Awards ceremony, it is important that seniors wear appropriate dress attire under their graduation gowns.

Graduation rehearsal takes place immediately after the awards ceremony. Seniors must participate in the rehearsal in order to be in the commencement ceremony. We anticipate finishing by 1:00 PM. So please do not make any Prom appointments until after this time.

Graduation Day is Sunday, May 26, at noon. Graduates must be in the field house for attendance by 11:00 AM. Students should enter door 24. Doors to the building will open at 11:00 AM and the gymnasium at 11:30 AM.

Graduates may choose not to participate in the ceremony. Please call Heather DeCook at 847 718-4451 by Friday, May 10, if your senior is not participating.

Commencement ceremony tickets are distributed at the end of rehearsal. Each graduate will receive FOUR (4) tickets for gymnasium seating to distribute as he/she wishes. Safety is our primary concern, and space in the gymnasium is extremely limited. **All persons, including children, must have a ticket to enter the gymnasium.** For graduates who bring more than four guests, the ceremony will be viewable on large screens in both the Theater and Cafeteria. *Note that the Theater and Cafeteria are all air-conditioned plus Elk Grove Channel 6 will be broadcasting the ceremony live.* If you need tickets for guests requiring accessible seating, please call Denise Heinol, (847) 718-4415, by Friday, May 17. There is no reserved general seating. Doors will open at 11:00 AM. All guests can enter through the two main entrances, Door 1 or Door 29.

For your convenience and to enhance the viewing experience for all, strollers and balloons are not allowed in the gymnasium. We do provide an area for temporary storage of these items. We hire professional photographers to photograph each graduate as the diploma cover is received. Enclosed in this packet you will find a "Lifetouch" insert, which will provide information on how to access and/or purchase these photographs.

During the ceremony, graduates are given diploma covers, not diplomas. As part of the ceremony, graduates will return to the field house where they will be given their diplomas and copies of their immunization and health records.

Graduates are expected to be dressed appropriately for the commencement ceremony under their gown, and all graduates should wear dress shoes. Graduates who are not dressed appropriately may not be permitted to participate in the ceremony. Those who have received senior medallions and cords can wear them over their gowns. No other accessories are permitted. Finally, graduates are to be empty handed until they receive their diploma covers.

The Class of 2019 is a special class. We respect them for all that they have achieved and for the fine leadership that they have offered to our school. We look forward to being there with you!

Sincerely,

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