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GRADUATION CAP DECORATING GUIDELINES

The Class of 2023 may decorate their graduation caps according to the rules listed below. Decorating a cap is optional. Violation of any rule will result in the confiscation of the cap before the ceremony. **If a cap is confiscated, a replacement cap will be issued.**

As for all school events, the District's Dress Code applies. Students are required to present themselves in an orderly manner that is conducive to the school setting. Cap decorations should be appropriate, positive, and celebratory.

Nothing in these rules precludes students from wearing traditional tribal regalia or recognized objects of religious or cultural significance at graduation, pursuant to Education Code § 35183.1.

Cap decorations motivated by animosity against a person or group because of race, color, religion, sexual orientation, gender, disability, national origin, or which infringe on the rights and freedoms of others are prohibited.

Suggestions for decorating your cap:

- Your graduation year
- Thank you to a special individual(s): family member, guardian, teacher
- Your post-high school plans: college, military, vocational school
- Your high school activities: sports, clubs, classes
- A positive inspirational message

Graduation cap decorations shall not:

- Be likely to cause a substantial disruption of, or material inference with, the event in any way, including via an image, quotation, or other reference.
- Contain any advertisement, symbols, abbreviations, initials, words, slogans, patches, pictures or images referencing drugs, controlled substances, tobacco, alcohol, weapons, or sex.

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- Denote any gang affiliation.
- Advocate drug use, violence, illegal activity, or other disruptive behavior.
- Be obscene, profane, vulgar, or lewd.
- Glorify death, mutilation, or violence.
- Negatively single out, humiliate, demean, or embarrass any person(s) or group for any reason.
- Threaten the safety or welfare of any person.
- Make noise, no noise, bells, horns, etc.
- Include 3D objects resting on the caps such as signs, stuffed animals, or bells. Flowers must not extend taller than 1 inch above the cap. All decorations must lay flat on the cap and refrain from blocking others' view, with the exception of traditional tribal regalia or recognized objects of religious or cultural significance.
- Extend beyond the border of the cap or fall below the perimeter.
- Contain potentially hazardous items such as spikes, chains, studs, or replica weapons.

If you have questions regarding permissible graduation cap decorations, please contact Mr. Marisnick in advance of graduation.

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