



Patriot High School

Parents and Guardians,

Students are allowed to decorate their caps for graduation, as long as they follow certain guidelines. I have included the guidelines below. Please note that **caps CAN be decorated, but gowns CANNOT be decorated.** Per your senior agreement, all students will submit to a “hands-free” search upon entering the gym staging area for graduation. Violation of the acceptable guidelines listed below will result in the confiscation of the cap before the ceremony. ***If a cap is confiscated, a plain replacement will be provided.***

Also, **ONLY SCHOOL ISSUED** and administrative approved tassels, sashes, cords, and medallions may be worn. No other items may be worn outside of the graduation gown.

Allowable options 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 disruption of, or material inference with, the event in any way, including via 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.
- 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 cap such, 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 any questions regarding permissible graduation cap decorations, please feel free to reach out to me in advance of graduation. We are looking forward to celebrating our seniors!

Sincerely,

Naomi Brush

Principal, Patriot High School

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