



*Green Valley High School
Commencement Information
Class of 2017*

(April 19, 2017)

Graduation Philosophy

It is the philosophy of the Clark County School District and Green Valley High School that high school commencements are designed to honor participants with a ceremony that is solemn and dignified. The following information is an overview of the rules and procedures for all participants. These rules have been developed and approved by the Clark County Board of School Trustees.

Parents and seniors should understand that a senior's participation in the commencement ceremony is an earned privilege and not a right. This privilege is extended to any senior who has met the minimum requirements to receive a diploma.

In addition, in order to retain this privilege, seniors should understand that Green Valley High School reserves the right to revoke this privilege at any time for the display of seriously negative behavior on the part of any senior during the final quarter of the school year, up to the commencement ceremony itself. Classroom/ school rules and regulations will be fully enforced as they apply to student behavior. Seniors especially are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with these rules and regulations.

Graduation Date, Location and Times

The graduation ceremony for the Green Valley High School Class of 2017 will be held at the Thomas and Mack Center at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 8, 2017. Graduates must report by 2:30 p.m.

Important Information to Prepare for Graduation

Checkout/Rehearsal

Senior checkout for all graduates will begin on May 31, 2017, for all graduates and will continue up to June 5, 2017, in the Green Valley High School bank area. A mandatory graduation rehearsal for all graduates will take place in the Green Valley High School Student Activity Center (SAC) on June 7, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. until approximately 11:40 a.m. Students who do not attend the mandatory rehearsal **will not** be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony. Graduates are reminded that regular school attire must be worn at the graduation rehearsal.

Dress Code at Graduation

Students must wear the official graduation gowns for the ceremony (No decorating the cap and gown). Under their gowns, boys should wear a light colored shirt with a collar and dark slacks, socks, and dark dress shoes. Girls are to wear a school length dress or slacks and appropriate shoes. No sandals or tennis shoes will be permitted. Only cords and medallions distributed by the school are permitted. No leis, beads or other decorations are to be worn with your cap and gown. These items will be confiscated if you bring them to the Thomas & Mack. Caps should not be decorated in any way. All students should follow the Clark County School District Dress Code.

Fines & Fees

All fees, fines, and other debts owed to the school must be paid before graduation tickets and line-up cards will be issued. Senior fine lists are posted outside the school bank for student reference. Letters have also been sent home to seniors with fines. Final payment deadline is June 5, 2017. **CASH OR MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO GVHS ONLY.**

Hearing Impaired

If you or your guests require hearing impaired assistance, please call Mrs. Baldrige at 799-0950, Extension 4204.

Scholarship Recognition

Scholarship recipients will be honored by having their names and scholarships listed in the graduation program, only if the information was turned into the counselor's office on time. The Awards Night program on Wednesday, May 24, 2017, at 6 p.m. is scheduled for individual recognition.

Tickets

Admission will be by ticket only. Each graduate will receive ten (10) tickets after the mandatory graduation rehearsal for all graduates that will take place in the Green Valley High School Student Activity Center (SAC) on June 7, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. until approximately 11:40 a.m. Parents/guardians may request up to five (5) additional tickets by going online to the Green Valley HS web site (greenvalleyhs.org), clicking on the graduation tab and ordering more tickets between, April 21th to May 19th. A maximum of fifteen (15) tickets may be issued per graduate.

Graduation Day

Caps & Gowns

Graduates must be lined up holding their cap and gown at the Thomas and Mack Center at 2:30 p.m. on June 8, 2017. After an administrator has checked for dress code you will be allowed to put on your cap and gown. If you want pictures of your graduate in their cap and gown, please do so at home, not at the graduation site. Honor Diploma students and IB students must turn in their hoods at the conclusion of the ceremony. White high honor cords and gold honor cords must also be returned. These items will be collected prior to your son/daughter receiving their diploma.

Distribution of Diploma Covers

During the ceremony, diploma covers will be presented to graduates by school board members or central office administrators. The actual diploma will be given to students as they present their cap to the appropriate diploma distributor at the end of the ceremony. (Names must be inside of cap).

Mortarboard (Cap) Throwing

Due to the possibility of injury, the throwing of mortarboards (as well as other objects) prior to, during, or following the commencement exercise is strictly prohibited. Seniors must have their caps to receive their diplomas.

Parking at the Thomas and Mack Center

There will be no charge for parking at the Thomas and Mack Center's parking lot. There is a graduation ceremony following Green Valley's; please make arrangements to vacate both lots as quickly as possible.

Photography

Cameras are not allowed on the stage or on the floor of the Thomas and Mack Center. All types of cameras, including video cameras, will be allowed in the public seating areas only. Parents may take pictures from their seats. All aisles must be kept clear. A professional photographer will be available to take graduation pictures as graduates cross the stage. Individual picture information was given to your son or daughter from Dorian photography.

Photography Services

Green Valley High School has contracted with Dorian, professional photographers, (www.dorianstudio.com) to record each student receiving their diploma. Please plan to take other or family photographs at home before the ceremony.

Seating

Seating: Each student will be issued a limited number of tickets for guests to attend the ceremony. Be sure to bring your tickets with you. The tickets are free, but seating is limited, so no one will be admitted without a ticket. We also suggest that your group plan to arrive together so there is a greater likelihood of being seated together. At the ceremony, ushers will seat you. There is no reserved seating. Please do not leave an empty seat in the row. There is handicapped seating (space is limited to the handicapped guest and one additional person).

Graduation Etiquette

Audience Etiquette

Many requests have been made to the Graduation Office asking that audience members refrain from distracting noises during the graduation ceremony. Please do not bring whistles, noisemakers, air horns, or other devices that will disrupt the ceremony and prevent others from hearing the name of the next graduate. All noisemakers will be confiscated. Please allow all audience members to hear the name of that special graduate they came to honor.

Behavior of Graduates

Any student who does not exhibit proper behavior will be immediately removed from the graduation area. A diploma will not be issued to the student at that time, but will be issued to parents at a conference with the school principal. The parents must request the conference within 30 days after graduation. School personnel are assigned supervisory responsibilities to assist graduates during the ceremonies. Should a student be found to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol at the ceremony, he/she will be denied the opportunity to participate in the exercises and will be removed from the graduation area.

After the Ceremony

Distribution of Diplomas

Diplomas will be distributed to all graduates after the graduation ceremony. Students must show their caps, with their name written inside, to the appropriate diploma distributor in order to receive their diploma. The diploma, along with a graduation program, will be given to each 2017 graduate.

CAPS THROWN WILL BE CONFISCATED AND WILL NOT BE RETURNED. ANY STUDENT NOT RECEIVING HIS/HER DIPLOMA MAY PICK UP THEIR DIPLOMA IN THE GRADUATION OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2017.

Greeting Graduates

There will not be an area to greet graduates after the ceremony, so please plan on meeting your graduate at your car or a designated site away from the Thomas and Mack Center. It is imperative that guests and graduates vacate the parking lots as soon as possible to eliminate traffic problems for those attending the next ceremony.

Dates to Remember

- May 10 Pick-up cap and gown during lunch in the foyer of the gym (Students on cusp of graduating or not graduating will not get their cap and gown until June 7, 2017, rehearsal only after they are cleared to graduate)
- April 21 to May 19 Parents/guardians may request five (5) additional graduation tickets by submitting the "Request for Additional Tickets" online form at greenvalleyhs.org. Tickets will be distributed at the end of graduation rehearsal. (Maximum number of tickets per senior is fifteen).
- May 12 Yearbook Signing Party – 8:00 a.m. Student Activity Center
- May 15 Senior Awards Night – 6:00 p.m. in the Theatre
- May 30 & 31, June 1 & 2 **Senior Exams**
- May 31 Second pickup cap and gown during lunch in the foyer of the gym. (Students on cusp of graduating or not graduating will not get their cap and gown until June 7, 2017, rehearsal only after they are cleared to graduate)
- May 31-June 5 Senior Final Checkout

June 5 & 6	Senior Activities: 9:00 a.m.
June 1 & 5	Senior Exam make-up day – Make arrangements with your teacher
June 7	Mandatory graduation rehearsal – Student Activity Center 9:00 a.m. – Remaining caps and gowns, graduation tickets and line up cards will be distributed at the end of this rehearsal
June 8	Commencement exercises and graduation at the Thomas and Mack Center at 3:00 p.m. Graduates must arrive by 2:30 p.m.

Senior Questions

Graduation is one of the most memorable events of your life. We are proud of the Class of 2017 and wish you all the success and happiness life can bring. Green Valley High School has compiled a list of questions frequently asked at graduation time. We hope you find this information helpful.

*** When do I pick up my cap and gown?**

May 10 or 31, 2017, Pick-up cap and gown during lunch in the foyer of the gym. (Students on cusp of graduating or not graduating will not get their cap and gown until June 7, 2017, at the end of the rehearsal)

*** When do I receive my tickets for graduation?**

After the mandatory graduation rehearsal for all graduates that will take place in the Green Valley High School Student Activity Center (SAC) on June 7, 2017, Parents/guardians may request five additional tickets between April 19 and May 19, 2017, which will be given to you when you obtain your tickets and line-up card.

*** Do graduates need tickets?**

No. Your cap and gown and line-up card is your ticket to graduation.

*** How do I arrange to get more tickets?**

Parents/guardians must fill out the “Request for Additional Tickets” online form @ greenvalleyhs.org to request up to five additional tickets. There is a maximum of 15 tickets per student. Parents/guardians may request five additional tickets between April 19 and May 19, 2017, which will be given to you when you obtain your tickets and line-up card.

*** Is handicapped seating available?**

There will be handicapped seating at the Thomas and Mack Center. Only one guest is allowed to be seated with the handicapped person.

*** Are parents allowed in the line –up area?**

No. With approximately 700 graduates, there is far too much confusion if additional people are in the area.

*** Are parents allowed to take pictures near the stage or in the area where graduates are seated?**

No. All photographs should be taken before the ceremony at home. One school sanctioned photographer will be on stage to take graduation pictures. Information regarding ordering is included in this newsletter.

*** Is there a place to keep purses?**

No. Graduates should have nothing except their name card in their hands when they line up for graduation.

*** May my parents give me flowers or gifts as I receive my diploma?**

No. No one but the graduates and assigned personnel will be allowed near the stage at the time the graduate receives his/her diploma.

*** Where do we go at the Thomas and Mack Center to line up?**

You will be given specific directions during the rehearsal on June 7, 2017.

*** How are graduates lined up?**

In the following order: Seniors who are seated on stage, Valedictorians, Salutatorian, International Baccalaureate students, Advanced Honors Diploma students, and Advanced Diploma students, with all remaining graduates.

*** If a graduate is unable to attend the ceremony, may someone else take his or her place?**

No.

*** What happens if a graduate is disruptive during the ceremony?**

Security will escort the graduate out of the Thomas and Mack Center. His/her diploma will be withheld until a later time.

*** What happens if a spectator is disruptive during the ceremony?**

Security will escort the spectator out of the Thomas and Mack Center. Air horns or any other noisemakers are expressly forbidden and will be confiscated.

*** When do I actually receive my diploma?**

You will receive your diploma along with a copy of the program immediately after the ceremony as you show your cap, **with your name in it**, to the appropriate diploma distributor.

*** When and where do I return my cap and gown?**

You will be able to keep your cap and gown this year. After you have received your diploma, you are free to wear your cap and gown home.

*** Are parents allowed backstage after the ceremony?**

No. You should arrange to meet your parents in the parking lot or some other location. Please remember that we will need to vacate both the diploma distribution area and the parking lot(s) immediately to accommodate the next scheduled graduation.

*** Do I keep my tassel?**

Yes.

SENIOR MEMORIES

Get your picture on the Jumbo-tron at graduation!

Turn in this form with \$10 (cash) to room 813 by Friday, May 5th. We will use your senior portrait. If you prefer a different picture, please submit one with this form or e-mail it to Mrs. Goldstein at jgoldst@interact.ccsd.net.

Text (must be 30 words or less) may include activities, sports, clubs, honors, etc. or a personal message from family and friends. Please PRINT on the lines below.

Full name

Text:

This portion will be given to you as a receipt.

Date payment received _____

Authorized Signature _____

Extra Graduation Ticket Requests

All graduates will receive **10 tickets** with their cap & gown.

To request additional graduation tickets go to the Green Valley website:

www.greenvalleyhs.org

Follow the link under the graduation tab for 'Extra Ticket Requests'.

Only 5 additional tickets will be given to each graduate.



2017 Green Valley Graduation Pictures

Dorian will photograph (www.dorianstudio.com) you twice at your ceremony; first as you walk up to the stage and again as you shake hands with the presenter.

All information is on the attached flyer provided by Dorian Photography Company.

Congratulations 2017 Green Valley Graduate!

LifeTouch will photograph you twice at your ceremony; first as you walk up to the stage and again as you shake hands with the presenter.

The portraits taken will be uploaded to the LifeTouch website 48 hours after the ceremony.

You've been provided with this private gallery login for viewing and ordering your portraits online. To view your images go to **bwseniors.com**, and click on the "Seniors" tab, click "View Proofs" and enter the gallery login in the space provided, then just follow the instructions for ordering!

bwseniors.com

Green Valley Private Gallery Login:

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Save this flyer! All orders need to be placed by **June 28, 2015.**

Studio Hours:

10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday through Saturday

Closed Sundays and Mondays

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