



The Dalles High School

220 East 10th Street
The Dalles, OR 97058

April 6, 2018

re: Graduation, June 9th @ 10:30am

Dear Parents / Guardians of Senior Class:

This letter brings you very important information about the Commencement Ceremony for Graduation 2018. In this letter we are defining our expectations for the Commencement Ceremony for your students. It is our intent to ensure celebrations that promote our students' achievement and to create a ceremony that allows our community to share with pride in their academic success. Students will be expected to comply with our standards at Commencement and those who refuse to conform will not be allowed to 'walk across the stage'.

Rules for Commencement dress...

- Grads will be permitted:
 - To only decorate the top of their mortarboard (hat)
 - To wear academic medallions as issued by TDHS
 - To wear cultural regalia previously approved by TDHS Administration in consultation with cultural groups
- **ONLY** Polynesian students will be permitted:
 - To wear one family lei each
- **ONLY** American Indian students will be permitted to wear their cultural symbols:
 - As discussed and approved by the ESD Indian Education Committee
 - As already discussed and pre-approved between Mr. Nelson and individual American Indian students
- Grads must wear:
 - Graduation gowns as ordered for commencement through the school
 - Adequate clothing under their gowns as approved by school staff
 - Adequate footwear as approved by school staff

- **Grads shall NOT be permitted to:**
 - Decorate any part of their graduation outfit, except the top of their mortarboards (hats) nothing hanging below the top, or it will be removed.
 - Display anything except TDHS issued academic medallions below the top of their mortarboards (hats)
 - Display any non-academic regalia below the top of their mortarboards (hats)
 - Display any unapproved cultural symbols
 - Include food, games or anything distracting in their decoration.

Please be advised that, at the moment of the presentation of diplomas, any student who stands up in preparation to walk across the stage, who is in breach of the above regulations, will be withdrawn from the ceremony and not allowed to walk. They will only receive their diploma at a later date after a formal apology to the School Board.

We warmly thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain our efforts to improve our service to your students. We need both you and your student's cooperation in order to help us to continue to make our commencement ceremony a community event we can all be proud of.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Nelson
Principal

REMINDER

Deadlines for Seniors:

Senior binder should already be done. It must be done by **May 30th** to ensure proper time for grading.

All fees must be paid by **May 30th**. Any student owing fees will not receive their diploma until fees are paid.

General classwork for seniors must be done and turned in by **May 30th** to ensure time for grading. (Individual teachers may have other arrangements.)

All former Incompletes or credit-recovery classes must be completed by **May 30th**. (Grades from BYU online classes must be in before June 6th in order to walk. If the student does not have credit by graduation, they will be unable to participate in commencement)

Community Service Hours (20 required to graduate) must be turned in by **May 30th**

State Testing: State Testing and Work Samples must be done by **May 30th**. Contact the main office with any questions.