

Lancaster High School Class of 2021



Graduation Information Packet and Contract

Three Important Steps to follow:

1. Please read all enclosed information carefully!
2. Sign Contract
3. Printout checkout form
4. Turn in the signed Graduation Agreement to the Activities Office, or e-mail with signature attached by May 21st at 3 P.M.

Lancaster High School Graduation

Dr. Kristen Tepper, Principal
Mrs. Tessa Grabas, Vice Principal (Activities)

May 4th, 2021

Dear Parent or Guardian:

It seems impossible, but graduation for the Class of 2021 is almost upon us. **With the current state of affairs, we are unsure if we will be able to have an in-person graduation ceremony. However, we will celebrate and honor the class of 2021 regardless of whether it will be an in-person ceremony or a virtual celebration.** If we are able to have a ceremony, the graduation ceremony will be held at the Lancaster High School's Lou Bozigian Field on June 3rd, 2021. In order to make this a memorable occasion for all, we have put together the attached information packet for you and your student. Please review **ALL** of the enclosed information with your graduate. This is very important information and it includes some dated material that must be completed and returned by 3:00 PM on May 21, 2021.

PLEASE NOTE: Receipt of this packet does not guarantee participation in the graduation ceremony. Your student's graduation status is based on his or her meeting all District and State graduation requirements.

Regretfully, in the past, some Seniors have not been allowed to participate in graduation due to missed deadlines and/or discipline issues. Please take a moment to review with your graduate the listed deadlines. Also, please discuss responsible behaviors during school, and during the graduation practices, Grad Night, and the Graduation Ceremony.

The attached **Graduation Agreement** is due back to the Activities Office, no later than 3:00 P.M. on Friday May 21, 2021. **Please print out the Signature Page, sign it and return it by this date or e-mail the signature to ktrematore@avhsd.org.** Failure to return this agreement by the May 21st deadline will result in your graduate not being allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Graduation and Grad Night are optional activities; therefore, participation may be denied with cause. (Reference: Education Code sections 48900 and 48915.)

The Lancaster High School Staff and the Class of 2021 have worked very hard during the past four years in preparation for the Commencement Ceremony. We hope to have it scheduled for June 3rd, 2021 at 6:00 PM at Lancaster High School's Lou Bozigian Athletic Field. If we have an in person ceremony, it is our desire that the graduation ceremony be memorable for everyone.

To help us with this, we ask that you follow these guidelines:

1. Please **DO NOT bring air horns or other noise-makers**. These disturb those sitting near you and can be very distracting to other guests at the ceremony.
2. Please refrain from bringing silly string, confetti, balloons, posters, etc. into the stands. (Out of courtesy for other guests, please be aware that large balloons obstruct the viewing pleasure of other guests.)
3. Do not stand along the front rail. This blocks the view of those sitting behind you and may cause a problem in the case of an emergency evacuation. Security personnel will be assigned to the area to keep the front rail clear.
4. The front row of seats on each side of the field is reserved for guests in wheelchairs and with disabilities as required by federal law. Please assist us in reserving these seats for guests with disabilities.
5. The saving of seats is not permitted.
6. At the close of the ceremony, you will be meeting your graduate in the area in front of the school. Remember that guests are not allowed on the field at any time due to safety issues regarding Fire Code restrictions. This year we will have an area set up in the front of the school for you to take pictures of your graduate with their friends.
7. Reminder: Diplomas can be picked up after the graduation ceremony by graduates in the main quad before they meet families in front of the school.

Thank you very much for your cooperation and for meeting our expectations of appropriate conduct. We are looking forward to a memorable evening culminating the High School career of the Class of 2021.

Sincerely,

Kristen Tepper, Principal
Lancaster High School

Tessa Grabas, Vice Principal of Activities

ANTICIPATED LNHS SENIOR ACTIVITIES- IMPORTANT DATES: 2021

Senior Packet available online @ lnhs.org – this packet has important detailed information about Graduation, Grad-Night, Graduation tickets, Graduation Caps and Gowns and your on-line Graduation Agreement, which must be turned in by May 21st if you plan to attend Graduation ceremonies. *In-person activities or events may be cancelled due to COVID regulations.*

May 1	Last day to order Cap and Gown with Jostens
May 19	Senior Awards Night in the LnHS Lg. Gym (6:00 PM)
May 21	On-line Grad Agreement - Final Due Date turn into activities office by 3:00PM (no agreement = no ceremony)
May 21	Senior Sunset Football field
May 28th	Senior Check out & Library Clearance – Clear all financial obligations with CASH or credit card by 2:30 PM
May 28th	Senior Final & I.S. & APEX work needs to be completed
May 28th	Distribute of caps and gowns in Library with Civics/Econ Class.
June 1	Graduation practice 1 8:00AM – 11:30 AM (Mandatory) Lg. Gym/Football Field
June 2	Graduation practice 2 8:00AM - 11:30 AM (Mandatory) Lg. Gym/Football Field
June 2	Distribution of graduation tickets after Grad Practice 11:30-12:30PM
June 3	Graduation 6:00 pm (Students to be in the Large Gym at 4:30pm)
June 3	Distribution of Diplomas after graduation

~ Dates, Times, & Information are subject to change without notice. ~

Parents and or Students concerned about student grades should check power school for grades often and E-mail or otherwise contact teachers and or counselors with any questions well before the Commencement ceremony.

Reminder: Graduation and Grad Night are optional activities that can be denied with cause. (Ed Code sections 48900 and 48915)

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Class of 2021 - Graduation Tickets

In an effort to make the Graduation Ceremony as enjoyable as possible for those attending, the following criteria have been established regarding graduation tickets.

1. **You must have returned your Graduation Agreement in order to get any graduation tickets. Students who turn in their Graduation Agreement late will Forfeit 1 graduation ticket.**
2. Each Graduate will be given five (5) tickets for the graduation ceremony at no cost on June 2nd after that day's graduation practice. You must have an ID and sign for the tickets when they are given. Count the tickets before you sign for them. Graduates must pick up tickets, not parents.
3. Extra tickets may be available based on the number of graduates, which varies widely each year, up until the week of graduation. These tickets are based on the total "fire marshal" maximum attendance allowed in the stadium divided by the number of graduates.
4. All extra tickets must be paid for at senior check out day. You may purchase a maximum 1 or 2 tickets for a cost of \$5.00 each. This will be the only time you will be able to buy extra tickets.
5. Once all of the tickets have been distributed and sold, **no other tickets for graduation will be available per Fire Code / Fire Marshal.**
6. If you really need extra graduation tickets, please ask other students for extras they may not need.
7. Important: If a student gives out a **Graduation Invitation** through Josten's or some other personal notification, of their Graduation event, **that is not a ticket for entry into the stadium** during the ceremony.

All guests entering the stadium for graduation must have an admission ticket. Children 2 years or younger may enter without a ticket. Strollers will not be permitted in the stadium.

Those without a ticket will be denied entry. In year's past, several guests have demanded entrance without a ticket. These guests will be denied access and referred to security or on-site law enforcement officers if a disturbance ensues. **Fire-code will be enforced for the safety of all guests.**

I realize that this may limit the number of guests that will be able to attend the graduation ceremony, but after considering such issues as crowd control and emergency evacuation procedures, the **Fire Marshal has determined these restrictions to be necessary and there are no exceptions.**

Sincerely,
Tessa Grabas
Vice Principal, Activities

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SENIOR CHECKOUT INFORMATION

SENIOR CHECK-OUT May 28th

Preparing for senior checkout date:

Please clear all of the following steps before the 2:30 May 28th to be able to successfully complete senior check-out.

1. Finish all apex/ senior finals with a passing grade in the class.
2. Return all Library and Textbooks.
3. Pay all Fines and Fees (accountant)
4. Pay all cafeteria fees.

If any of these steps are not done before you walk into the Library for senior check out on May 28th you will not be able to check out until these have been completed, and you will not be given your cap and gown for graduation.

Senior Check-Out:

The following will occurring during Senior Check out

1. You will be given a senior check out form when you enter the library.
2. You will take the form to all stations and get the form signed or stamped by the appropriate staff member.
3. You will take the completed form to retrieve your cap and gown.
4. If you cannot finish your checkout form for any reason you will be asked to leave the library and will not be able to get your cap and gown. (Please refer above to what needs to be completed before May 28th at 2:30 pm)
5. After you have received your cap and gown then you will be able to pay for 1 or 2 extra graduation tickets. These tickets will only be sold to you if they are available depending on the number of graduates. You may not purchase more than 2 tickets and you may only request tickets on check out day after successfully completing senior check out.

Thank You,
Tessa Grabas
Vice Principal, Activities

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Graduation Practice Schedule 2021

June 1st and 2nd

You must attend all graduation practices in order to be allowed to participate in Graduation. Bring sunscreen, water and a hat! *With only two practices, missing them will not be allowed. You must be in district dress code at all times while at practices. **EXCEPTION:** Hats other than Lancaster High School hats will be allowed to prevent sunburn.

(PRACTICES AND GRADUATION MAY BE MODIFIED OR CANCELLED DUE TO COVID REGULATIONS)

Tuesday, June 1st 8:00 AM to 11:30 Grad Practice Day 1:

All students are to report to the Lg. Gym. **Must have School ID.**

Wednesday, June 2nd 8:00 AM to 11:30 Grad Practice Day 2:

Report to the large gym, simulate the full graduation from the Lg. Gym to the Field and march out to the front of the school. **Must have School ID.**

Seniors are NOT allowed on the main (classroom) campus at any time after May 28th—No exceptions!

You will not be allowed to go to a teacher's classroom for any reason during the school day. **Seniors found to be on campus interrupting classrooms after Friday, May 28th will be subject to a removal from the graduation ceremony scheduled for June 3rd.** If you absolutely must see a teacher or handle some emergency on campus, arrange to resolve the issue via e-mail or after school hours. An administrator is available at the front visitor office if you have school emergency issues.

At the practices, the more attentive you are, the sooner you will be dismissed. We want your graduation to be a memorable one for you, your parents, the staff and the community. Be on time and follow directions.

We want the graduation ceremony for the Class of 2021 to be memorable for all involved. We also want you to have a great time. Please remember that you are expected to behave appropriately. Any disruption to the ceremony will result in immediate removal from the field and that student will be referred to administration and not allowed to participate in the Graduation Ceremony on Wednesday June 3rd.

Graduation is an optional activity. Participation may be denied with cause.

Reference: Ed. Code sections 48900 and 48915.

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Class of 2021 - Cap and Gown Distribution [May 28th]

Caps and gowns will be distributed from the Large Gymnasium (OR OTHER LOCATION ON CAMPUS BASED ON COVID REGULATIONS) on May 28th, during Civics/Economics class in the library. You must have your **school I.D. with a photo** in order to receive your cap and gown. Only you (student w/ ID) will be allowed to pick up your cap and gown.

The procedure for Cap & Gown pick up will be as follows:

1. You will be given a senior check out form when you enter the library.
2. You will take the form to all stations and get the form signed or stamped by the appropriate staff member.
3. Before lining up to get your cap and gown, your school I.D. will be scanned. You will then give your Student Clearance Form to the parent volunteer along with your photo I.D. They will give you your cap and gown and have you sign for it. That's it.

If you owe money to the school for any reason, Ms. Mendoza will be in the library to collect those fees and fines you can pay on the 28th in CASH only. After this day your cap and gown will be in the accounting office. After you pay your bill, she will give you your cap and gown. Be aware that this line tends to get extremely long. To avoid waiting hours in this line, pay all your fees well before May 28th. Your student Clearance Form and photo I.D. will be required. If you purchased a cap and gown and will not participate in graduation, you may pick it up from the Activities Office after June 3rd.

It is advisable that you go by Mrs. Mendoza office well before May 28th and check your account. If you have a charge for anything, take care of it now; not at the last minute.

Thank you,

Tessa Grabas
Vice Principal, Activities

GRADUATION AGREEMENT 2021

Lancaster High

School

Turn in by May 22nd 3:00 PM to the Activities Office

44701 Eagle Way
Lancaster, CA 93536
(661)726-7649

Print Carefully – This needs to be the correct name currently on record with Lancaster High School---

Student ID # _____ *---Please Print legibly! ---*

Student Last Name: _____ **First Name:** _____

The 2021 Commencement Ceremony will be held at 6:00 PM on June 3rd, at Lancaster High School's Lou Bozigian athletic field. My signature at the bottom of this contract certifies that I agree to adhere to the following policies regarding my conduct as a Senior at Lancaster High School during the Commencement Ceremony and all other School functions while attending the final four weeks of my Senior year. I also understand that my participation in any graduation activities is at the discretion of site administration. **PLEASE NOTE:** Graduation is an optional activity and participation may be denied with cause. (**Reference: Education Code sections 48900 and 48915**).

I/We agree to the following: (**Initial next to all statements**)

_____ I will attend mandatory graduation practices on June 1st and 2nd 2021.

_____ I will adhere to Lancaster high school rules of behavior and conduct, including district dress code during graduation practices. Failure to do so may result in removal from remaining practices. If I am removed from practice, I understand that I will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.

_____ I will wear a cap and gown that has not been altered, modified, or decorated in any way. I will wear attire appropriate for semi-formal occasions underneath the gown.

_____ I will conduct myself in a courteous manner, without distraction or disruption. Failure to do so may result in removal from the ceremony, while in progress. If removed from the ceremony, a meeting with the Principal must be scheduled in order to receive my diploma.

_____ Objects that distract from the ceremony are prohibited. This includes: silly string, noise-makers such as horns, beach balls, and similar items. (These items are a disruption to other graduates and guests – please be courteous to others during this significant family event.)

_____ I promise to explain to all guests invited that they must have a graduation ticket or they will not be allowed access to the stadium due to fire-code regulations. No-one can be admitted without a ticket per the Fire-marshal for the safety of all guests and graduates. Josten's or personal graduation invitations can not be used for admission to the Graduation Ceremony.

_____ Note: Parents, please do not bring noise makers or items that obstruct the view of others such as balloons, posters, large flower bouquets, etc. Possession of such items may result in non-admittance to the ceremony.

I have read and agree to the following pages of the grad agreement: (**Initial next to all statements**)

_____ Page 2 Parent Letter

_____ Page 3 Letter from the Principal

_____ Page 4 Important Dates

_____ Page 5 Graduation Tickets

_____ Page 6 Senior Checkout Information

_____ Page 7 Graduation Practice Schedule

_____ Page 8 Cap and Gown Distribution

_____ Page 9 Grad-Bash-General Information

_____ Page 10 Grad-Bash-Quick Reference

_____ Page 11 Universal Studios Senior Grad Bash Dress Code

PLEASE READ, THEN SIGN BELOW:

We have read, understand, and agree to comply with the expectations listed above and those also provided in the graduation packet and booklet online at lhhs.org. We agree that in choosing to take part in the Lancaster High School Class of 2021 Commencement Ceremony, we will abide by all rules outlined therein. We understand that any violation of this agreement will result in non-participation in the commencement ceremony. By signing this agreement, we also understand that it must be turned in to the Activities Office no later than **3:00 PM on May 21, 2021** in order to participate. Failure to return this agreement signifies that it is not our intention to participate in the Commencement Ceremony. Questions may be directed to the Lancaster High School's Activities Office, 726-7649 ext. 789.

X _____
GRADUATING SENIOR (Full Signature) Date

X _____
PARENT OR GUARDIAN Signature (required) Date