

**LAKEVIEW CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL
Graduation Contract**

Statement of Behavior Regulations and Expectations for the Class of 2023

***This form must be completed and returned to Mrs. Powers no later than March 10, 2023
in order to participate in the graduation ceremony.***

Lakeview's Commencement at the CCC will be on May 26, 2023 at 3:00pm. This will be a ceremony to honor you, the student, for completing all of the graduation requirements established by the Garland Independent School District. Participation in the ceremony is contingent upon your successful completion of the required credits, the passing of required End of Course tests, the completion of any Loss of Credit requirements, and adherence to school regulations for behavior and attendance. Please make every effort to ensure that you are making satisfactory progress towards your graduation requirements.

BACKGROUND: "Unlike receipt of a diploma, participation in the graduation ceremony is a privilege, not a right" (Swany v San Ramon Valley Unified Sch Dist. 720 F Supp 764 (ND Cal, 1989). Although the ceremony is an important event, participation or non-participation does not alter the significance or value of the diploma (Lisa Swann, M.A.T./, J.D.).

A great deal of effort has gone into preparing for the graduation ceremony. This should be a very special occasion for you as a member of the Class of 2023, and also for all of us at LCHS. You are following a standard established by Lakeview Centennial High School's first graduating class in 1978 – one of seriousness, dignity, and pride. To help us continue that tradition and to make the ceremony the meaningful event that parents, faculty, and the graduating class desire, the following must be agreed upon by each senior and his or her parent or guardian. Please initial each section to indicate that you have read, understand, and agree to comply with the guidelines specified. Failure to comply with these guidelines may mean inability to participate in, or removal from, the graduation ceremony.

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_____ I will attend all practices scheduled for the graduation ceremony. I agree to adjust my work schedule and any other obligations to meet the practice schedule. In case of illness, I will contact one of the school administrators prior to the practice.

_____ Cell phones will be turned COMPLETELY off and out of sight the ENTIRE time the class is in the arena area. If a phone is discovered "out," it will be confiscated. I will not be allowed to receive my diploma, and will be required to schedule a student/parent conference with an LC administrator.

_____ I agree to purchase and wear the cap and gown selected for the ceremony and **not alter or decorate** them in any manner. I further agree to conform to the following dress code described below for the graduation ceremony.

_____ I agree to pay all debts, which I owe to Lakeview Centennial High School and turn in all materials as required prior to participating in graduation practice.

_____ **Males** should wear white dress shirts, ties, black slacks (no jeans), black socks and black shoes (no tennis shoes).

_____ I agree to follow all rules at any school activity, i.e. prom, senior activities, athletic or co-curricular activities or graduation practice throughout the school year, and understand that not doing so will jeopardize my participation in the graduation ceremony. Senior activities are considered regular scheduled school days.

_____ **Females** are expected to wear nice dresses of an appropriate length or black dress slacks with a white collared dress shirt. Medium to flat heels are suggested because of the amount of walking and standing that will be required. You may wear dressy sandals but no flip-flops.

_____ Transportation to the ceremony will be venue/location dependent, and may or may not be available. I agree to verify this detail once the district has announced final plans.

_____ Hairstyles for males and females should conform to the GISD dress code.

_____ I understand that if I violate school rules that necessitate suspension from school or placement in the District Alternative Education Program at any time during the school year, I am subject to removal from any or all senior activities, including the graduation ceremony.

_____ Facial piercing jewelry, should also conform to the GISD dress code.

_____ I agree that my attendance in all classes shall conform to school and district policy. I also understand that any truancies or excessive absences may jeopardize my participation in graduation ceremonies.

_____ I will not carry anything into the graduation venue that will disrupt the ceremony. I agree to be courteous during the entire ceremony and refrain from any activity that is disrupting, distracting or dangerous. I further agree to leave the ceremony when asked to do so if I fail to adhere to these guidelines. I understand that if I violate this I will not be allowed to receive my diploma and will be required to schedule a student/parent conference with an LC administrator.

_____ I understand that participation in the graduation ceremony is not required to receive my high school diploma. However, should I not attend the graduation ceremony as a result of any **violation(s)** of this agreement, I understand that a student/parent conference with an LC administrator will be required prior to receiving my diploma.

*Student's FULL name (typed) as for diploma

*Student's ID Number

Sign Here

*Student's Signature

*Date

I have discussed this contract with my son/daughter, and we understand the rules and consequences outlined.

Sign Here

*Parent/Guardian Signature

*Date

(Must be signed by a parent/guardian, even if student is 18 years old.)

* Required information

A signed copy of this document should be returned to Mrs. Powers in the Main Office or e-mailed as a PDF to jepowers@garlandisd.net