



## Manteca Unified School District Graduation Cap Decorating Guidelines

Please take into consideration the following rules when decorating your graduation cap. Failure to follow these rules will result in the removal of the cap before the ceremony.

Your cap decorations MUST fit into one of the following categories:

1. Thank a parent, grandparent, teacher, friend
2. Recognize your post-secondary plans (college, trade school, military)
3. Recognize your high school activities (ex. sports, clubs, co-curricular activities)
4. Recognize your culture, heritage, identity, religion, etc.
5. Your graduation year

Decorations must be: 2-dimensional (no 3-D flowers, butterflies, feathers, etc.), flat on the top of the mortarboard, and cannot make noise, hang from any sides of the cap, or light-up.

Must also be school appropriate and cannot:

- Contain any advertisement, symbols, abbreviations, initials, words, slogans, patches, or pictures that: refer to drugs or controlled substances, tobacco, alcohol, weapons, or be of sexual nature.
- Denote an affiliation with gangs or which advocate drug use, violence, illegal activity, or disruptive behavior which is detrimental to the safety and welfare of other students.

### TIMELINE:

Failure to follow these deadlines will void your opportunity to participate in the graduation cap decorating activity.

January 8, 2024	Grad Cap Decorating Application available
February 7, 2024	Grad Cap Decorating Application due by 12:50pm to Activities Director
March 29, 2024	Applicants receive Contract and Design form
April 29, 2024	Contract and Design form due by 1:20pm to Activities Director
May 13, 2024	Notification of Approved/Denied Mortar Boards via MUSD Student email
Graduation Day	Approved Grad Cap will be checked upon arrival for ceremony

\*Administration reserves the right to disallow anything that is not considered appropriate for the commencement ceremony. There will be no negotiations or discussions after May 13<sup>th</sup>, including Graduation night!!\*