

Cave Creek Unified School District No. 93

CACTUS SHADOWS HIGH SCHOOL

Graduation 2025

Dear CSHS Seniors and Parents/Guardians,

As we approach the culmination of your high school journey, we want to ensure you have all the necessary information regarding important upcoming events, including graduation. Planning and preparations are already underway to make this a memorable and seamless celebration. However, please note that this letter does not serve as confirmation of graduation. All seniors must fulfill the Arizona State Board of Education's and Cave Creek Unified School District's graduation requirements to receive a diploma. Students who do not meet these requirements will not be eligible to participate in the commencement ceremony. We appreciate your attention to these details and encourage you to stay informed as we move closer to this milestone event.

Senior Honors and Awards Ceremony

The Senior Awards Ceremony will take place on **Tuesday, May 6th, 2025**, from **9:00 AM to 11:00 AM** in the **CSHS Blue Gym**. If you would like to be recognized for the scholarships you have been offered—whether or not you choose to accept them—you must submit documentation to **Mrs. Gallardo** in the counseling office by **April 21st**, either in person or via email. You may also upload your scholarship information using the provided [link](#). Please note that submitting this information to **Mrs. Jill Machin** or recording it in Naviance will not qualify you for recognition at the ceremony. More details will be shared as the event approaches. The suggested dress code for the ceremony is business casual.

Senior Final Exams

Please remind your seniors that May is a critical time as they complete several high-stakes internal and external assessments. It is essential that they check with each of their teachers for final deadlines on special projects and assignments *before* finals week to ensure they stay on track. Senior final exams will take place from **May 12th to May 14th** during *regular* class periods, and students are *expected to attend all scheduled classes on those days*. Encouraging them to stay organized and prepared will help them finish strong as they approach the end of their high school journey.

Cap & Gowns and Graduation Announcements

If you have any questions regarding your order, please reach out to **Matthew "Cheese" Hatten** at *Jostens* at (602) 765-7337 or via email at matt.hatten@jostens.com. Cap and gown pickup will take place on **April 11th** at **11:30 AM** in the **Lecture Hall**. In the event that a senior is *not* eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony, the cap and gown will be released to a parent after **May 21st**. Refunds for caps and gowns will *only* be issued under the following circumstances: **if the student does not graduate, if the student moves, or if the garment remains unused in its original package**. All refund requests must be made directly to *Jostens*. Please note that all fines and fees must be paid in full in order to pick up the cap and gown by the April 11th deadline.