

Graduation Practice

To ensure that all students are fully prepared for their big day, graduation practice is a **mandatory** part of the process for all seniors participating in the ceremony. This important rehearsal will take place **Thursday, May 15th** from **7:30 AM to 11:00 AM** in the **Blue Gym** and is essential for ensuring a smooth and well-organized commencement. Attendance is required, as students will receive important instructions regarding the ceremony, seating arrangements, and procession details. Please make sure to arrive on time and ready to practice so that everything runs seamlessly on graduation day!

Graduation Slideshow

As part of our pre-ceremony events, a special slideshow will be displayed as guests arrive for graduation. To make this moment even more meaningful, we invite parents to submit a photograph of their graduate to be included. Photos should be emailed to csfspics@ccusd93.net and saved using the format: **Last Name, First Name** (e.g., **Smith, John**). The deadline for submissions is **May 12th—no exceptions**. Please ensure all photos are school-appropriate, as *Cactus Shadows reserves the right to exclude any images that do not meet these guidelines*. This is a wonderful way to celebrate our graduates, so don't miss the opportunity to have your senior featured!

Graduation Ceremony

Graduation will be held on **Wednesday, May 21, 2025**, at **6:00 PM** at **Desert Diamond Arena**, located at **9400 W. Maryland Avenue, Glendale, Arizona 85305**. This milestone event marks the culmination of years of hard work and achievement. *Graduates are expected to arrive by 5:00 PM*, and *the front doors will also open at 5:00 PM for guests*. *Parking for both graduates and guests will be available starting at 4:30 PM*. We look forward to celebrating this special occasion with our seniors, their families, and friends as they take the next step in their journey!

Seating

Seating for graduation will be available on a **first-come, first-served basis**, with **no tickets** required for general admission. To ensure fair access for all guests, **individual parties may not hold seats**. Graduates will be seated in designated areas on either the *east or west side of the venue*. For those interested in preferred seating, tickets will be available for purchase through the PTO. **ADA seating** will also be available, guests in need of assistance can visit the Guest Services booth at **Gate 3**. We appreciate your cooperation in making this a smooth and enjoyable experience for everyone celebrating this special occasion.

Parking access & entrance for guests

There is a **\$15.00** fee to park at Desert Diamond Arena, which you can pay upon arrival. Graduates are encouraged to ride to the facility with their family for the ceremony, and carpooling is strongly recommended to help ease parking and traffic, as well as to ensure families don't have to pay for parking twice. Any graduate who needs assistance with transportation should reach out to the front office. Parents and guests should plan for approximately **60 minutes** to drive and park at the arena. Graduates who drive with family should be dropped off at the entrance on Sunset Blvd, while all guests and graduates will park in **Lot G**. **Graduates** will enter through **Gate 7**, and **guests** will enter through **Gate 4**. For detailed directions to the facility, please visit the school website.