



GRADUATION CAP GUIDELINES

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation! Please take into consideration the following rules if you decide to decorate your graduation cap. Failure to follow these rules will result in the removal of the cap before the ceremony with no replacements. Decoration of your graduation cap is optional and not required. Graduation cap designs must be reviewed and approved BEFORE graduation.

Cap Designs May Include:

- Thank a parent, grandparent, teacher, friend
- Recognize your post-secondary plans (college, trade school, military)
- Recognize your high school activities (ex: sports, clubs, co-curricular activities)
- Your graduation year
- Include an inspirational message
- ***Items of Cultural and Religious Significance addressed in Ed Code 35183.1***

Cap Designs To Go Through Careful Consideration

- Decorations/adornments that protrude or “POP UP” (decorations must lay flat on cap)
- Items, objects, or adornments that hang down the sides of the caps

Note: ***(The items above are to be allowed if they relate to items of Cultural or Religious significance as defined in Ed Code 35183.1)***

Cap Designs CANNOT Include:

- Bells, horns, or anything that makes noise
- Political Affiliation and/or Political Messaging
- Advertisements, symbols, abbreviations, initials, words, slogans, or pictures that are or refer to drugs, gangs, alcohol, weapons, or sexual content

Design Process Suggestions

Students who have rented or borrowed graduation caps from the school CANNOT decorate their caps. Students, we highly suggest you trace your cap onto cardboard and decorate the cardboard. In case you make a mistake, you can start over with a new piece of cardboard instead of ruining your one and only cap. ***We will not furnish new caps if you damage yours in the process of decorating.*** After you decorate it, stick it to your cap with double-sided tape or Velcro stickers.

Administrative Veto Right

Administration has the right to disallow anything that is not considered appropriate **except that of any cultural or religious significance.** ***(The items above are to be allowed if they relate to items of Cultural or Religious significance as defined in Ed Code 35183.1)***

Additional Information can be found in San Bernardino City USD [Board Policy 5127](#) and [Administrative Regulation 5127](#)