

Cap and Gown decorating and altering

We understand that some students may want to individually decorate their cap for a variety of reasons. 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 at the ceremony and may result in your senior not participating in Graduation.

Students will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony without a cap and gown. Please adhere to the following expectations:

Cap Decoration Criteria:

- Only the flat, top area of the mortar board may be decorated. There may be nothing hanging down from the sides of the cap.
- Decorations must be flat on the surface of the cap. Excessive 3-D creations are prohibited. Graduation caps will be reviewed and approved in advance of the ceremony.

It IS APPROPRIATE to put the following on your cap:

- Thank a parent, grandparent, teacher, friend.
- Recognize the university you will be attending.
- Your graduation year.
- The branch of the military you will be joining

Graduation caps must NOT:

- Contain any advertisement, symbols, abbreviations, initials, words, slogans, patches, or pictures that refer to drugs or controlled substances, tobacco, alcohol, or weapons or be of a sexual nature.
- Denote an affiliation with gangs which advocate drug use, violence, illegal activity, or disruptive behavior which is detrimental to the safety and welfare of other students.
- Be obscene, profane, vulgar, or lewd.
- Include numbers other than graduation year.
- Threaten the safety and welfare of any person.
- Include political affiliations.

Gowns should not be altered or decorated for any reason. The gown represents the uniformity of the Graduating Class as you are all part of the Class of 2025.