



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.

Monday, January 12, 2026	Grad Cap Decorating Application available
Friday, February 20, 2026	Grad Cap Decorating Application due by 12:20pm to Activities Director
Monday, March 23, 2026	Applicants receive Contract and Design form
Wednesday, April 29, 2026	Contract and Design form due by 12:50pm to Activities Director
Monday, May 11, 2026	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 11th, including Graduation night!!