



Melissa Bassanelli, *Superintendent of Schools*
 Kirk Bebout, *Principal*

Dear Seniors:

The Class of 2026 El Sereno and La Entrada High Schools' Commencement Ceremony will take place at the Citrus Heights Event Center on Friday, June 5, 2026, at 7:00 pm. Even if you graduate early, we hope that you will join us for this very special event.

To be eligible to attend the Commencement Ceremony:

- Complete all necessary credits to graduate. Receipt of this letter or participation in senior meetings does not indicate that you are on track to graduate. Please communicate with your Supervising Teacher and/or the counselor, Ms. Jessie, at jessie.morninglight@sanjuan.edu if you have any questions about your graduation status.
- Return district technology and textbooks, and/or clear fines before May 29, 2026.
- Attend Senior Check-Out/Cap & Gown Pick-Up Day on May 29, 2026.
- Participate in the mandatory rehearsal at 10:15 am on graduation day.

Graduation Timeline

January 21, 2026 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Grad Info Night & Financial Aid 101 Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● El Sereno GLC (Multi-purpose Room) ● All graduating seniors and their parents/guardians are welcome!
March 11, 2026	Cap and Gown Orders Due <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Last date to order your cap and gown from Herff Jones for guaranteed delivery by graduation. If you transfer to El Sereno after this date, check the school website for updated cap and gown information.
April 30, 2025	Student Speeches and Performances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Final date to request to speak or perform at the ceremony.
May 13, 2026 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Senior Meeting & Senior Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Additional graduation and Senior Check-Out information. ● Presentation of Senior Awards
May 29, 2026	Senior Check-Out/Cap & Gown Pick-Up Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cap, gown, and wristbands distributed. Time slots assigned by last name: A - H 10:00 am - 10:30 am I - O 10:30 am - 11:00 am P - Z 11:00 am - 11:30 am
June 5, 2026 10:15 am - 12:30 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Graduation day: Citrus Heights Event Center 6300 Fountain Square Dr., Citrus Heights, 95621 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rehearsal – MANDATORY for those participating in the ceremony. ● Graduates must arrive at the Event Center. Doors open for guests. ● All guests must have wristbands for admittance. ● The ceremony will begin promptly at 7 pm.

Cap and Gown Orders

A black cap and gown is required for the ceremony. To ensure your cap and gown is received in time for the ceremony, place your order at highschool.herffjones.com no later than March 11, 2026. Herff Jones raises prices considerably starting March 12, 2026. If you transfer to El Sereno after March 11, 2026, check the school website for updated cap and gown information. No student will be excluded from the ceremony due to the cost of a cap and gown. Please see your supervising teacher for a Cap & Gown Check-Out Form if necessary.

Please note that cap and gown sets are delivered to the school site toward the end of the year and will not be available for distribution prior to Senior Checkout/Cap & Gown Pick-Up Day, May 29, 2026. Should you choose to have senior portraits taken before then, many portrait studios have a cap and gown set available for use during your sitting.

Student Speeches and Performances

Personal speeches and performances by our students are highlights of the ceremony. If you are interested in giving a speech or performing a musical or spoken-word selection, please notify your Supervising Teacher or submit a request via email to elserenoas@sanjuan.edu by April 30, 2026.

Senior Meeting & Senior Awards

The meeting will take place at El Sereno in the GLC (Multipurpose Room) from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2026. Families will be provided with additional details regarding graduation and senior check-out. The Senior Awards will be presented immediately following the informational portion of the meeting. All graduating students, their siblings and their parents/guardians are encouraged to attend.

Textbooks, Chromebooks, and Outstanding Fines

Books may only be returned and/or fines paid to the school from which they were checked out. El Sereno cannot accept returns or fines on behalf of other school sites. All chromebooks can be returned to El Sereno. El Sereno materials and technology should be returned to Mrs. Weinreich in the Room 1 office. Please stop by her office or email her at Rose.Weinreich@sanjuan.edu if you are unsure whether you have outstanding items or fees. Your cap and gown will not be released until all district textbooks and technology items have been returned and/or fines cleared.

Guest Wristbands (Tickets)

A limited number of guest wristbands (used for admission) will be issued per graduate, subject to venue capacity and the number of graduates. Due to the unique nature of our programs, the number of graduates is not known until close to the end of the year, so the number of wristbands per graduate will be announced near Senior Check-Out/Cap Gown Pick Up Day. The school website will be updated with the quantity of wristbands per graduate as soon as it is determined, so be sure to check for updates. Wristbands will be checked at the venue entrance and are required for admission. For those unable to attend, the ceremony will be streamed on the intranet.

Requests for Disability Accommodation

To request disability accommodation for the ceremony, please contact Mrs. Lilley at 916-973-5090 or email cheryl.lilley@sanjuan.edu. Advance notice is necessary to arrange for accessibility needs.

Senior Check-Out/Cap Gown Pick-Up Day

Graduates will pick up their caps and gowns, guest wristbands, and final graduation information at the Senior Check-Out/Cap Gown Pick-Up Day, May 29, 2026. (Time slots by students' last names above.)

Online Streaming

The ceremony will be available for viewing online during or shortly after the event at: <https://www.fm3videography.com/live>, and will be available for viewing through June 30, 2026. Unfortunately, the school is unable to provide technical support. Recordings are not available for purchase.

Mandatory Rehearsal

Graduates participating in the ceremony must attend the rehearsal on June 5, 2026, at 10:15 am at the Citrus Heights Event Center. *No exceptions will be made.*

Event Attire

Caps and gowns are required attire and must remain zipped during the ceremony. Keep in mind gown necklines are cut low enough to show clothing worn underneath. Suggested guidelines:

- A collared dress shirt or blouse (with or without a tie) or scoop-neck top with a modest cut.
- Dress pants, nice shorts, skirt, or dress

Ceremony

Graduates must arrive by 6:00 pm. Doors will open to guests from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. The ceremony will start promptly at 7:00 pm. Late attendees will not be admitted during the color guard's presentation or during the graduate processional. Air horns, confetti, food, and drinks (other than water) are prohibited inside the venue.

Diploma Pick-up

Students will pick up their diplomas immediately following the ceremony. Please note that the venue must be vacated in a timely manner. Students who do not attend the ceremony may pick up diplomas from Mrs. Quintero in Room 1 from June 8, 2026, through June 12, 2026, or in the fall. Please be aware that diplomas cannot be mailed.

For the most updated information, please visit our website at <https://elsereno.sanjuan.edu/our-school/graduation-2026>. If you have additional questions, please contact Mrs. Lilley at cheryl.lilley@sanjuan.edu. We look forward to honoring you and celebrating this important milestone!

Sincerely,



Kirk Bebout
Principal



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through March 11, 2026!



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QUESTIONS? CONNECT WITH OUR TEAM & LET US HELP!

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*No student will be excluded from the ceremony due to cap and gown cost.
Please see your Supervising Teacher to request a Cap and Gown Checkout Form.