

Senior Letter 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2026:

Congratulations on your senior's graduation! This is an exciting time in the life of your senior student, and for Beckman High School, as we prepare for the graduation of our senior class. It is our goal that the remaining weeks of high school will be positive and productive. The information presented in this letter describes the senior activities that lead up to this year's graduation ceremony on Wednesday, May 27th.

GRADUATION

Wednesday, May 27th * 3:00 pm and 6:30pm * Northrup Stadium, Tustin High School

(1171 El Camino Real, Tustin)

Students are to report to the Tustin High School Gymnasium one (1) hour prior to the ceremony start time **carrying** their caps and gowns. Students participating in graduation exercises **ARE REQUIRED** to be on time. There will be no exceptions. The Graduation Ceremony is a dignified presentation for students who have completed all graduation requirements. We have established procedures and rules to afford participating seniors the respect and attention they deserve. Please remember that participation in graduation is a privilege, and the school reserves the right to take necessary steps to ensure that the ceremony is an appropriate activity in keeping with state law and the policies of the Tustin Unified School District.

Tickets: Admission to the Graduation Ceremony is by ticket only. We have a limited number of tickets, so we urge families to be thoughtful in planning the size of their gathering. Due to limited capacity, each student will receive **FOUR (4)** tickets that will be distributed on Tuesday, May 26th at the senior clearance event. Seniors must have their ID and will be required to sign for their graduation tickets. We will not replace lost/stolen tickets. Students with outstanding laptop and book obligations will not receive their graduation tickets. Once all outstanding obligations are addressed in the library, tickets can be picked up in the office. If we are able to increase ticket numbers, we will communicate that to our seniors and their parents prior to the ceremony.

Ceremony Selection: The ceremony selection form will be sent to all seniors on Saturday, May 2nd at 7:00 am through Aeries Communication. *Ceremonies will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis.* We apologize, but once ceremonies are assigned, we cannot accommodate requests to change due to capacity and seating restrictions.

Cap and Gown: Students who pre-ordered their cap and gown will pick them up on Wednesday, April 29th after the Senior Clearance Meeting. Students who did not pre-order a cap and gown may purchase them online at www.jostens.com, via email (contact: candice.nicholson@jostens.com), visit the Costa Mesa Josten's store location (384 Clinton St. Suite A. Costa Mesa CA 9262 / 714-751-0260), or bring \$40 cash to purchase in person at school on May 1st.

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Parking: Parking is extremely limited, and graduates must report no later than one (1) hour before the ceremony start time. Parking for guests is available on the athletic fields, which can be accessed via the San Juan Street entrance, closest to Red Hill, on a space available basis. The Tustin Police Department will monitor parking in the parking lot. Vehicles with a valid California handicapped placard (issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles) may utilize the handicapped parking near the Gymnasium.

Seating: The stadium at Northrup Field will be open for seating one (1) hour prior to the ceremony start time. Seating is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Handicapped seating (wheelchairs or crutches) will be available. Because students choose who to sit with during the ceremony, we will not be able to communicate which side of the stadium specific students will be seated on; however, students will be permitted to carry cell phones into the ceremony and can communicate with parents to let them know where they are seated.

Photographs: Professional photographers will take photographs after each senior is granted his/her diploma. These photographs will be available for purchase through a mailing that will be sent to your home after graduation. Parents and guests may NOT approach the field, or disrupt the flow of seniors, by taking personal photographs or video from anywhere but your seat. Please note, there will be no room in the bleachers for camera tripods.

Dress Code for Graduation: Students are expected to be properly dressed at the Graduation Ceremony. Students who are not appropriately dressed may be removed from the lineup. The cap and gown may not have any items attached, draped, or written on them.

Diplomas: Seniors receive their diploma covers during the ceremony. Diplomas will be passed out during the senior clearance event on May 26th. All remaining diplomas will then be available for pick-up in the office during regular hours (7:30am – 4:00pm). Graduates with outstanding obligations, such as non-returned textbooks, athletic uniforms, technology fines and/or library books, unpaid fines for damaged items, or un-served detentions, will have their diplomas and transcripts held by the school until such obligations are fulfilled.

Behavior: Students are expected to behave in a mature and dignified manner before, during, and after the ceremony. Those who choose not to do so will lose their opportunity to participate in the graduation exercise. All senior activities and ceremonies are school functions; therefore, all school rules will be enforced. Inappropriate behavior will result in removal from the ceremony and the student's diploma will be withheld.

Alcohol/Drugs: State law is very specific regarding students and alcohol. Any senior with alcohol on his/her breath or any senior determined to be under the influence or in possession of an illegal drug will be removed from the processional line and will NOT be allowed to participate. The Tustin Police Department will assist with the screening and removal of students. This is absolute – no exceptions will be made.

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Fireworks / Noise Makers / Balloons / Signs / Umbrellas (anything that detracts from the ceremony):

Fireworks are illegal and will not be permitted. Persons violating this law will be removed from the ceremony. Also, noise makers such as air horns will not be allowed. Balloons, signs and umbrellas may obstruct the view of others and will not be permitted. Please respect the dignity of the ceremony and adhere to these guidelines.

SENIOR CLEARANCE

To participate in senior activities and the Graduation Ceremony, each senior must be cleared by school administration. A list of any unfulfilled senior obligations, including financial, textbook, technology, library, athletics or discipline will be posted by ID number outside the Attendance window beginning Monday, April 27th and every Monday thereafter.

Senior Clearance Meeting: On Wednesday, April 29th we will hold a meeting with all seniors outlining various end-of-year procedures. Seniors will be provided with a printed list of items that they have outstanding. All items on the list will need to be addressed prior to being “cleared” for participation in the graduation ceremony (detention hours, laptops, books, etc.). All items must be cleared no later than 4:30 pm on Friday, May 22nd.

Seniors who do not meet graduation requirements: On Thursday, May 28th, Beckman counselors will complete final graduation checks for all seniors based on final grades submitted by teachers. Students who are taking course work outside of Beckman to satisfy graduation requirements must submit transcripts to their counselor no later than Monday, May 18th. Counselors will notify seniors, and their parents, if all credit and subject requirements have not been met. Seniors who have not completed all requirements by May 24th will not be allowed to participate in the Graduation Ceremony on May 28th, 2025.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

The staff, senior class, and parents have worked hard to provide seniors with activities to celebrate the end of high school with friends and family. All school rules and behavioral expectations apply at all events.

Senior Trip to Disneyland/California Adventure: The traditional Senior Trip is scheduled for Monday, May 18th. **Seniors must check in at 8:15 am.** Buses will depart Beckman for Disneyland at 9:00am. Students will report to the buses for departure from Disneyland at 9:30 pm with arrival at the school anticipated at 10:30 pm. Tickets may be purchased at the Student Store. (Per the California Education Code, any student who chooses not to participate in the Senior Trip is required to attend school on that day.) The Senior Trip provides students with an opportunity to be together in a safe environment under staff supervision. Food and drinks must be purchased separately. The cost for admission to Disneyland and California Adventure are \$195 from 11/3 to 11/20, \$205 from 12/1 to 12/18 and \$215 from 1/5 to 2/27 **or earlier if our ticket allotment is sold out.** Space is limited.

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Senior Picnic: The traditional Senior Picnic is scheduled for Friday, May 22nd. Seniors must check in at 8:30 am. Seniors who have purchased yearbooks will pick them up at that time. Students will then proceed to the back of campus for yearbook signing, lunch and other activities. The picnic will end at 12:45 pm. Completed permission slips must be turned into the Student Store by May 1. (Per the California Education Code, any student who chooses not to participate in the Senior Trip is required to attend school on that day.) The Senior Picnic provides students with an opportunity to be together in a safe environment under staff supervision. Food and drinks will be provided, with a vegetarian meal option available. At this time, there is no anticipated cost to seniors.

Grad Night: Beckman PTO is hosting a Grad Night Party for the Class of 2025 on Wednesday, May 27th following the Graduation Ceremony. Grad Night gives our graduates an opportunity to commemorate their achievement together and create memories to last forever. Graduates will enjoy an evening of music, games, entertainment, surprises and food. The location is a surprise but will be revealed to parents via email blast as students are on their way. After graduation, families should plan for their graduates to arrive at Beckman by 9:30pm to begin boarding buses. Students are required to travel on the bus to and from the Grad Night Party. Buses will return to campus after Grad Night the following morning on Thursday, May 28th at 4:30am.

To fill out the online student agreement, waiver form, and purchase tickets please visit the Beckman PTO Grad Night webpage here: <https://www.beckmanhspto.org/gradnight> . Tickets are available for purchase online only. If you have any questions, or are interested in volunteering, please send an email to beckmanhsgradnight@gmail.com.

These rules and guidelines have been established so that everyone can best enjoy the senior activities and events. We are proud of our graduating class, the Class of 2026, and look forward to seeing you on May 27th, 2026.

Sincerely,

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