



Graduation Cap Decoration Guidelines

Class of 2026,

We are excited to share that, for the **first time**, seniors will be allowed to decorate their graduation caps this year. This is a special opportunity to celebrate your future and proudly highlight what comes next after high school. If you choose to decorate your cap, your design must reflect the guidelines below so that we can keep the ceremony positive, respectful, and focused on celebrating the Class of 2026.

Approved Themes

Decorations may include only the following:

1. Post-secondary plans

Examples:

- College or University
- Trade or technical school
- Apprenticeship
- Military service
- Career pathway or future profession i.e. “Future Lawyer, Teacher, Doctor, etc”

2. Positive Quote / Graduation year

Examples:

- “The best is yet to come,” “Ready for what’s next,” etc.
- Class of 2026, 2026, 26

3. Thank-you message

Examples:

- Thank you, family members
- Thank you, teachers or friends

4. School involvement

Examples:

- Athletics



- Clubs
- Fine arts
- Recognized school activities

Not Permitted

Graduation caps may **not** include:

- Profanity, vulgarity, or inappropriate language/images
- Messages or images related to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, vaping, weapons, gangs, or illegal activity
- Anything threatening, discriminatory, hateful, or disruptive
- Personal attacks, nicknames, or messages directed at other students or staff
- Anything not aligned with the dignity of the ceremony (keep to the four themes under “Approved.”)

Design Rules

To be approved, decorations must:

- Be attached only to the **top flat surface** of the cap
- Be **flat / 2-dimensional as much as possible. IT CANNOT BLOCK viewpoints for those behind you.**
- Not light up, make noise, or move
- Not hang off the sides of the cap
- Not block the tassel from moving properly
- Be secure and school-appropriate

Approval Process

- Students that do not follow guidelines for decorations will be required to wear a plain cap at graduation or if not available, no cap at all.

Final Note

Graduation is a celebration of the entire class. Thank you for helping us keep the ceremony positive, respectful, and centered on your accomplishments and future plans.

Go Bears!