Dear Members of the Class of 2026 and Titan Families,

High School graduation is a momentous occasion for every student along with their family, friends, and loved ones. It represents the culmination of years of education and passage into a new world of opportunity. It is our intention to honor the Class of 2026 at 6:00 pm on Friday, May 22, 2026, with a graduation ceremony in our Golden Gate High School Gymnasium.

Here are a few key points to assist in completing a successful graduation ceremony:

1. **Tickets:** Commencement will be held indoors in our gymnasium. Each graduate is allotted **four (4)** tickets. Each person that attends **must have** their own ticket to enter for graduation. **Graduates will receive their four (4) tickets at the end of graduation practice on Thursday, May 21st**

   Items **not allowed** into the gymnasium for graduation include the following:
   - Artificial noisemakers
   - Flowers
   - Silly string
   - Purses or bags – only a clear clutch bag is permitted in the gymnasium
   - Balloons
   - Strollers/baby carriers




2. **Fines:** Any Senior who has outstanding obligations to Golden Gate High School (lost or damaged textbooks, technology, unreturned library books or fines, athletic uniforms, etc.) must pay them in full. **Seniors with unpaid fines will not receive tickets for graduation.**

3. **Laptops:** Seniors must return laptop and charger prior to receiving tickets to graduation. Senior laptops will be collected when a senior has finished their last final exam in the cafeteria during final exam week – May 12-15. Any visible damage to laptops will be assessed a charge to repair and will be added as a student fine.

4. **Mandatory Graduation Practices:** All graduates must attend both graduation practices on May 20th and 21st from 7:30 am to 12:00 pm.
   - Seniors will receive their cap and gown on Wednesday, May 20th and will participate in our annual graduation walk to Mike Davis Elementary School.
   - Seniors will receive their graduation tickets (4) on Friday, May 21st at the end of graduation practice.

5. On the afternoon of graduation, we will be opening the gymnasium **for parents and guests at 4:45 pm**. To enter the gymnasium, **each person must have their own ticket**. **All seating is first come/first served,** and we ask that **no one save seats for other guests**. We will have ushers located in the gymnasium to assist guests.

   At **approximately 5:50 pm, we will temporarily close our entrance gates** as our graduates will be entering the gymnasium. No guests will be allowed into the gymnasium during this time. We will reopen the gates once all graduates are in their seats so we can begin the ceremony.

6. **Miscellaneous Items**:
   - Graduates need to arrive by 5:00 pm on graduation day and report to the auditorium dressed in their Cap and Gown
   - Students are **not allowed to decorate** their caps or gowns in any way
   - The ceremony will last approximately 1 hour 15 minutes
   - Please plan on staying until the graduation ceremony is complete
   - Parents will meet their graduate outside of the gymnasium or in the courtyard of the campus.

7. **Virtual Streaming of the Graduation Ceremony**: A live virtual stream will be available for each high school's commencement ceremony via the District website (www.collierschools.com) and CCPS mobile app, available for free download on both Android and Apple devices. Cameras will be positioned to capture this special event, including close-ups of graduates receiving their diplomas. The ceremony will be recorded and available to view by the end of the following week after graduation.

   A professional photographer will be taking pictures of each graduate as they receive their diploma and after the graduate exits the stage. Notification of how to retrieve those pictures will be shared with Seniors during graduation practice.

Go Titans!

Geronimo Mulholland
Principal, Golden Gate High School

# Important Dates for GGHS Class of 2026

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**April 25** **Prom –** Naples Hilton 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm

**May 4** **Senior Scholarship Awards–** 8:30am**–** Auditorium **(BY INVITE ONLY)**

**May 8** **Senior Breakfast–** 8:15am Seniors will be called out of 2nd Period class

**May 11** **Senior Sunrise –** 6:30 am – Football Field

**Senior Academic Awards –** 8:00 am in the Auditorium

**Senior BBQ –** 11:30 am – 12:30 pm – Football Field

**Senior Field Day –** 11:30 am – 2:05 pm

**May 12 - 15** **Senior Exams –** Cafeteria – Schedule is on the website and Senior Canvas

**May 20** **Mandatory Graduation Practice –** Auditorium – 7:30 am – 12:00 pm

Graduation Walk – 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

*Seniors will receive their Cap and Gown at the Practice

**May 21** **Mandatory Graduation Practice** – Auditorium – 7:30 am – 12:00 pm

*Seniors will receive their graduation tickets on this day (4 per Senior)

**May 22** **Graduation – 6:00 pm in the Gymnasium**

*Doors will open at 4:45 pm

*Seniors need to be in the auditorium by 5:00 pm (dressed in Cap and Gown)

* Seniors should be in Semi-professional attire

**May 22** Project Graduation – YMCA 11:00 pm – 3:00 am

*Seniors can purchase tickets from Mrs. Miller in Room 5-128— $20

**If you have not ordered your Cap and Gown, please visit the following website: www.gradproinc.com**

***** the price is going up, so please order A.S.A.P. *****

**Please make sure all fines are taken care of prior to graduation practices.**