

Class of  **2026**
CONGRATULATIONS!

Senior Timeline of Events

- ❖ 5/8 Senior Survey Due - posted in Schoology group
- ❖ 5/9 Prom - Midnight in Rio - tickets on sale through 5/8
 - Guest passes turned into Mrs. Duerksen by 5/6
- ❖ 5/12 Grad Nite @ Disneyland arrive by 5:45 am
- ❖ 5/15 Senior Sunset / BBQ @ 6:30pm-8:00pm library
- ❖ 5/20 Deadline for Cap Decor / Stole submission
- ❖ 5/20 Deadline for Handicapped Reserve Ahead seating
- ❖ 5/22 Farewell Assembly
- ❖ 6/2 Deadline for Senior Finals and Grades
- ❖ 6/3 Senior Materials Checkin & Feeder School Graduation Hall Walks -
- ❖ 6/4 Grad Practice (**mandatory**) @ Mineral King Bowl 7:30 am - don't be late!
- ❖ 6/4 Graduation Ceremony Mineral King Bowl, 7:30 pm
(gates open @ 6:00pm)

This information available on the GWHS Website and Class of 2026 Schoology Group



Graduation Ceremony Info

all things June 4th



Graduation Regalia - in addition to cap and gown

- must be submitted to Mrs. Duerksen no later than

Wednesday, May 20th by 4:30 pm.

I will notify you yes or no for what is or is not approved by May 27th.

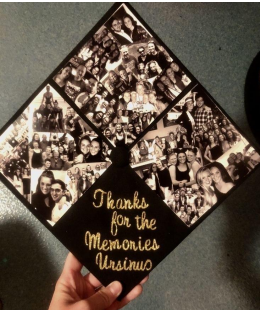
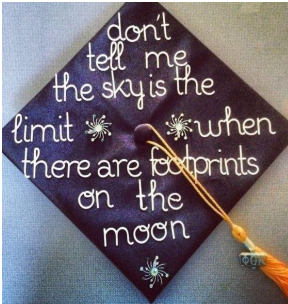
- 1) Students may be permitted to wear tribal regalia or recognized objects of religious or cultural significance as an adornment to the customary ceremonial attire [cap and gown], as long as the adornment does not cause a substantial disruption of, or material interference with, the graduation ceremony. (Education Code 35183.1)
- 2) Any graduating student who has completed basic training and is an active member of any branch of the United States Armed Forces may, at the student's option, wear a military dress uniform at the ceremony. (Education Code 35183.3)

Contact Jostens @ 559-627-4375 to purchase your cap and gown by 6/3/26 (pick up necessary)

Contact Mrs. Machado or Ms. Grace Lopez to inquire about borrowing a cap & gown if needed

Decorated Graduation Caps will be allowed but MUST BE SUBMITTED by 5/20/26 for approval

Acceptable: 2-dimensional, appropriate language



Unacceptable: 3-dimensional or hanging over the edge, poor language or innuendos



Cultural regalia & cap decor **must** be **submitted** to Mrs. Duerksen via Google Form by 4:30 pm on **Wed, May 20th.**

*caps cannot have political messaging

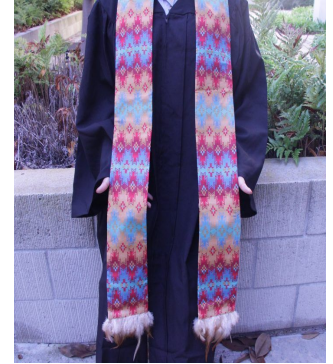
Graduation Regalia (sash) - in addition to cap, gown and GW stole

Also **must** be **submitted** to Mrs. Duerksen via Google Form by 4:30 pm on **Wed, May 20th**

- 1) A cultural sash or military (provided by branch) sash can be worn once approved
- 2) District approved sash/cord for the following*
 - a) CSF
 - b) NHS
 - c) AVID
 - d) Linked Learning Academy for completers - AOFR and BFA
 - e) Brown College & Career Readiness cord (provided by GWHS)
 - f) Silver Biliteracy cord (provided by VUSD via GWHS)
 - g) Seal of Civic Engagement stole

*provided to student through VUSD via Golden West, not individually purchased

- 3) Board Student of the Season/USAV Award Medals
- 4) SOGWA medals



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Contact Ms. Machado in the front office to inquire about borrowing a cap & gown if needed by **5/20**



Use the QR code/bit.ly
below to submit a photo of
your design/potential
purchase



<https://bit.ly/GWHS2026>

**Submission deadline
is
May 20th**

Approval made to you by 5/27



Finishing Up @ GWHS

- ❖ Complete all finals by the afternoon of June 2nd
- ❖ Turn in **all** materials, chromebooks, library books, etc by noon on June 3rd
- ❖ Pay/address all fines (check with library AND finance center ***this week and next***)

Graduation Hall Walk Participation at your elementary school



Scan me

bit.ly/GWGradHallWalks

to sign up to participate

Graduation Day attire for under the gown.

Think business casual

Appropriate attire includes collared shirts, slacks, school appropriate blouse, romper, dress, skirt, or nice slacks (black jeans are ok but no denim) and nice shoes. It is suggested to avoid stiletto heels as they sink in the grass. Chunky heels or flats are recommended for the ceremony.



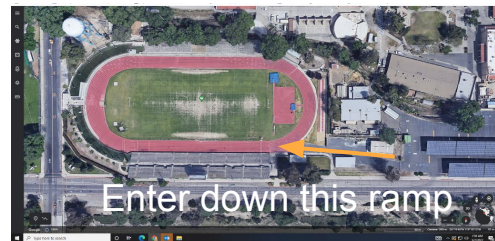
Graduation Day - June 4th

Make sure you have turned in all VUSD items including chromebook, textbooks, and team equipment and completed clearance form, if applicable, on June 3rd.

Make sure you have taken care of any fines.

Graduation Practice - 7:30 AM start (arrive 7:10) @ Mineral King Bowl; see map →

****MUST** attend practice to participate in the ceremony (end approx. 11:30 am)



Graduation Night- arrive at RHS Gym by 6:00 - don't be late

NO limit on guests and **NO** tickets are needed - cannot save seating areas for large groups (>5)

For the ceremony, bring nothing but your person, cap, gown, GW Stole & **approved regalia/cords/stoles**. All other items (phones, keys, sunglasses, etc) brought by graduates will be checked in & can be picked up after the ceremony at the podium, no exceptions.

Family Info: Gates open to the Mineral King Bowl @ 6:00pm for guests-entrance is off Giddings. **NEW THIS YEAR!** - Clear bags are required, no large bags/backpacks (excluding diaper bags) and all bags and purses are subject to search.

Let your families know if you are sitting on the north (visitor) or south (home) side of the bowl.

Handicap seating available on the track by reservation- please request by 5/20 by calling office or speaking to Ms. Machado or Ms. Grace Lopez (person needing & up to 1 escorts)

Check out the VUSD Graduation Page for Information



CAP COUNTDOWN

2026



<https://bit.ly/GWGrad60426>



Expectations

- **94% Attendance is required for Senior Activities**
 - You are expected to be at school, on time, and remain in class
 - Not doing so can result in consequences including loss of senior activities
- **Adhere to VUSD's student code of conduct**
- **Be Great people. Do Great things. Make Great choices.**

Request **OFFICIAL COPIES** of final transcript by **JUNE 9th**

Go to Transcript Request - Current Students under Quick Links (upper right corner) on the Golden West website

NOTE:

Transcript requests **cannot** be completed the same day as requested.

Requests require **THREE SCHOOL DAYS** to process and will be ready by the end of the work day (4:30 pm) on the 3rd day.

Transcripts **MUST** be requested by June 9th to send to colleges for the following school year.

GW staff has a similar summer break to students and are not in the office all summer.



ALL Seniors should request a transcript no matter what your post-high school plans are!!

TRANSCRIPT REQUEST:

CURRENT STUDENTS

Use this google link to request your OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT.
<https://forms.gle/sUwp3e6D77Lkxrux7>



INFORMATION

May 12 - 13

- Schedule
 - Be at GW no later than 5:45 am
 - Arrive at Disneyland - approx. 12:00pm
 - Park hopper tickets are good for both DCA & Disneyland
 - **Must be inside California Adventure by 8:45pm**
 - Leave Disneyland Resort - 1:00 am - meet at DCA entrance with your bus chaperons by this time.
 - Be ON YOUR BUS by 1:30 am (this takes time, plan ahead) or we will call emergency contacts and you could face disciplinary action. *Your cell phone dying is not an excuse for being late!*
 - Arrive back at GW - approx. 5 am
- Dress Code
 - School dress code applies
 - Do not wear anything w/
 - Obscene language, graphics
 - Drug/violence/weapon/gang-related references or images (Cookies, etc.)
 - Drags on the ground
 - Bring a sweatshirt - gets cool in the evening & overnight hours
 - Comfortable shoes - lots of walking!





Grad Night Information

- Prohibited items
 - No homemade food (all food must be factory sealed, including water bottles - must be kept on the bus - can't take into the parks)
 - Selfie sticks, wireless/bluetooth speakers, laser pointers, silly string, etc.
 - All types of markers, pens, pencils, highlighters
 - Tobacco products including electronic cigarettes, vaping products, marijuana, and marijuana products, alcoholic beverages, and illegal narcotics & substances
- Medications must be in its original packaging and go through security with your chaperone.
- What you can bring
 - Empty plastic or aluminum water bottle (fill up in the parks)
 - Purse, backpack, fanny pack, or other bag smaller than 24"x15"x18"
 - Money for food & souvenirs - if you use a debit/credit card, the name on the card must match your ID
 - Small camera, GoPro (without the extendable pole)
 - **BRING FOR SURE:** Cell phone charging cables & battery chargers

See Mrs. Duerksen for any specific questions.





Information meeting Friday 5/1!

Check into 3rd period

All senior class meeting from 11:15 – 11:35

Grad Nite meeting from 11:35 -11:54