GHC | GRANADA HILLS CHARTER

BRIAN BAUER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2026-2027 School Year

Dear Seniors and Parents/Guardians,

The administration, faculty, and staff at Granada Hills Charter recognize the importance of senior year. Excitement and anticipation grow as high school culmination approaches and post-secondary options follow. In order for you to plan for the 2026-2027 senior events and ensure participation in these activities, please review the policies that guide participation in each event. Kindly read this letter and discuss the contents as a family. Each student and parent will agree to this document acknowledging awareness of the events and understanding of our policies. Agreement with the contract must be acknowledged in the registration forms.

Students may participate in the graduation ceremony if they are eligible for a GHC Diploma, GHC Certificate of Completion, or a GHC Certificate of Attendance. Students who enroll after the first semester of their Senior Year, should arrange to receive a diploma from their previous school of attendance.

In addition, students who have detentions that have not been served or who owe money for lost or damaged school property, including but not limited to, textbooks, laptops, uniforms, library books and cafeteria debts must clear their debts and detentions in order to participate in senior activities. Debt letters will be mailed home throughout the year. Students are encouraged to clear debts and detentions as soon as possible. Please note, it is the responsibility of the students to make sure they do not have detentions and debts. Students must follow all school rules to remain in good standing in order to participate in all senior activities. Severe discipline issues and unverified absences/truancies from class may be deemed violations of the senior contract.

Please reference the list of senior activities below.

DATES AND PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Yearbook Senior Portraits Appointment scheduled by White Studios Photography	For Appointments, please call White's Studios Photography at 818-752-7780. **Portraits must be taken by <u>September 30, 2026</u> to appear in the yearbook. Students who do not have a portrait taken will not appear in the yearbook.**
All Senior Assemblies Dates: TBA	**Attendance to the senior assemblies is MANDATORY.**
Senior Panorama Picture Date: October 9, 2026 John Elway Stadium	Available for purchase at the Student Store.
Senior Sober Grad Presentation Date: Spring 2027 Large Gym	**Attendance is MANDATORY.**
Senior Prom Saturday, April 17, 2027 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. LA Center Studios Los Angeles, CA	All debts and detentions must be cleared in order to purchase a ticket. Ticket prices is to be determined. **Students must attend Sober Grad and other mandatory senior assemblies to be eligible to attend.**
Senior Awards Ceremony Thursday, May 27, 2027 at 6:30p.m. Location TBD	
Graduation Rehearsal Tuesday, June 1, 2027 at 8:30 a.m. John Elway Stadium	**Attendance is MANDATORY.**
Graduation Rehearsal Wednesday June 2, 2027 at 8:30 a.m. John Elway Stadium	**Attendance is MANDATORY**
Senior Clearance Wednesday, June 2, 2027 following the graduation rehearsal John Elway Stadium	**MANDATORY** **Complete the Senior Survey and SCOIR assigned activities.**
Graduation Ceremony Thursday, June 3, 2027 at 7:00 p.m. John Elway Stadium Seniors do not have classes on this day.	**All debts and detentions must be cleared by Friday, May 28, 2027. Students will receive four tickets for guests. Extra tickets MAY be available for purchase on a first come first serve basis. Caps and gowns are ordered for each graduate free of charge for those eligible to participate in the ceremony.**
Grad Nite Date TBD Disneyland Resort & California Adventure	**Grad Nite is NOT a GHC sponsored activity. It is sponsored by the PTSA.** Please send all questions regarding Grad Nite to ghchsptsa@gmail.com. **Students must attend Sober Grad to be eligible to attend.**

<u>PROM</u>

There are plenty of tickets and space for each senior and their guest. All necessary paperwork such as the behavioral contract and/or guest permission slip, if applicable, must be submitted in order to attend. All persons who attend Prom must present a valid photo identification such as a driver's license or <u>current</u> school identification card in order to enter the event. Only senior (12th Grade) students can purchase a Prom ticket. Guest age must be between 15 and 20. All school rules apply at Prom.

<u>YEARBOOKS</u>

Yearbooks are available to all students through pre-sale. Students who do not purchase a yearbook during the pre-sale period are NOT guaranteed a yearbook. Any additional yearbooks not purchased through pre-sale are sold on a first come basis. Senior portraits must be taken by September 30, 2026 to appear in the yearbook.

SENIOR AWARDS
Students will be recognized on Thursday, May 27, 2027 at 6:30 p.m. for their academic and individual scholarship accomplishments.

CAP AND GOWN DISTRIBUTION
Students are not required to purchase or pay a rental fee for a cap and gown as a condition for participation in the high school ceremony. GHC will provide caps and gowns free of charge for graduating seniors. Students who have completed US Military Basic Training may wear their military uniform. See the Activities Office for more information.

GRADUATION REHEARSAL AND SENIOR CLEARANCE
There will be two MANDATORY rehearsals. Students must attend both rehearsals, which will be held on Tuesday, June 1 at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday, June 2 at 8:30 a.m. Rehearsal will last approximately two hours each day. Students will report to their designated seats in the John Elway Stadium. MANDATORY Senior Clearance will occur after rehearsal on Wednesday, June 2, 2027. **Once students have been cleared, they will receive a limited number of free graduation tickets along with their cap, gown, and tassel.**

GRADUATION
The graduation ceremony is a formal and dignified occasion with significance not only to the graduating senior, but also to parents, relatives, and friends. Therefore, we ask that all who attend the ceremony act accordingly. The ceremony will begin promptly on Thursday, June 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the John Elway Stadium. Seating is limited due to safety regulations. At graduation, students are expected to wear appropriate clothing. When selecting footwear, please take into account the artificial turf surface where our graduates will be walking. Wedge or flat soles are recommended. Graduates may wear school-issued awards and may also wear traditional tribal regalia or recognized objects of religious or cultural significance as permitted by California Education Code section 35183.1.. Adornments or items that are likely to cause a substantial disruption of, or material interference with, the ceremony may be prohibited. Except as permitted by law and school-issued awards, graduates may not wear or carry items that could interfere with the ceremony, including but not limited to stuffed animals, cameras, electronic devices, or other non-approved items. Graduation caps may not be decorated, altered, or modified in a manner that is unrelated to a protected religious, cultural, or tribal adornment. All graduates will be searched prior to entering the staging area, so please wait until after clearing security to put on your cap and gown. Please leave cameras, cell phones, and sunglasses with your family. **GHC will not be responsible for confiscated items. Confiscated items will NOT be returned.** Students who bring beach balls, silly string, water balloons or any other item that may disrupt the ceremony will be excluded from the ceremony. All GHC rules will be enforced prior to, during, and after the ceremony. Students who do not follow the rules will not be permitted to participate in the ceremony and may be removed from the ceremony as deemed necessary. Students removed from the ceremony will have their diplomas held until they have a meeting with the Administrative Director.

We hope that the same decorum is respected by our spectators. Any spectator item that detracts from or disrupts the ceremony may be confiscated. Air horns are not allowed at graduation. Please leave balloon bouquets in your car as they prevent others sitting behind you from enjoying the ceremony. Balloon bouquets will not be allowed in the stadium.

Seniors may not participate in the graduation exercises if they fail to:

- **Meet academic requirements**
- **Clear all detentions and pay all debts**
- **Meet citizenship standards**
- **Adhere to all school rules**
- **Attend ALL graduation rehearsals**
- **Attend the Senior Clearance**
- **Complete the Senior Survey and SCOIR assignments.**
- **Submit the Senior Contract with their registration paperwork**

GRAD NITE
Grad Nite is a PTSA sponsored event. Buses will transport students to Disneyland from the GHC campus. As of this printing, the Grad Nite date and ticket cost are not available. Please check the website and listen to the announcements for further information about Grad Nite.

Students and parents are reminded to monitor and meet all student requirements and deadlines in order to participate in the activities listed above. School Staff look forward to the graduation ceremony and working with your children to ensure that they will be a part of the closing events that will bring lasting memories to your graduate and your family. If you have any questions regarding senior activities contact the ASB Advisor, Ms. Whitman at kwhitman@ghctk12.com or the Administrative Director of Student Services, Mr. Gomez at extension 336, or at juliangomez@ghctk12.com. Ms. Alapizco, the Student Store Manager, is monitoring the stop clearance/debt list. She can be reached at extension 383, or at malapizco@ghctk12.com . Questions about cap and gown can also be directed to Ms. Alapizco. Once again, thank you for working with us to ensure a successful culmination.

Sincerely,

Julian Gomez
Administrative Director, Student Services