

*Graduation ~ Sandia Class of 2027

*All events subject to change pending NM and APS direction.

Dear Class of 2027 Graduating Seniors,
We look forward to a wonderful celebration and successful Graduation with the Class of 2027!
Please read all the following important information and address any further questions to:
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS **Mark your calendars! *And…PLEASE* - Be on time for ALL events!!!**

Senior Parking Lot Painting: Saturday, August 8, 2026 @ Senior Lot **enter through tech lot gate with required paperwork*
Senior Sunrise & Group Picture: Friday, August 14, 2026 6:00 a.m. @ SHS Soccer Field

Cap & Gown Senior Meeting: Monday, October 5, 2026 during Advisory in Main Gym
Senior Saturday Ordering Event: Saturday, October 10, 2026 @ Campus Specialties

Senior Class Picture: Monday, November 16, 2026 during Advisory in Main Gym (wear Senior shirt or black shirt)

White Cap Ordering: November 30-December 11, 2026 @ Activities Office ($10/cash)

Senior Sunset: Friday, May 7, 2027 6:30 p.m.

Senior Finals: May 10 & 11, 2027

Cap & Gown & Senior Sign Distribution: Tuesday, May 11, 2027 3:30-5:30 p.m. @ Room B-9/Commons

Grad Walk: Thursday, May 13, 2027 **Morning event at elementary and middle schools/Limited space/sign-ups in April 2027*
Wear your red cap or decorated white cap and gown and awards!

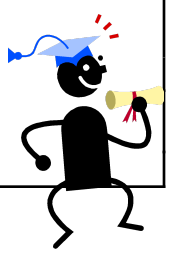
Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal: Friday, May 14, 2027 8:30 a.m.- 9:30 a.m. @ SHS Main Gym
Breakfast Break (provided) 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Mandatory Assembly Rehearsal: 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Mandatory Senior Robing Assembly: Friday, May 14, 2027 6:30 p.m. @ SHS Main Gym
**Nice clothing, red cap or decorated white cap and gown and awards!*
(Seniors arrive in Commons by 5:30 p.m.)

***NOTE:* If you DO NOT attend the Rehearsals & Robing Assembly, you will NOT have a seat at Graduation.**

Graduation: Monday, May 17, 2027 2:00 p.m. @ Tingley Coliseum
Seniors must arrive by 11:45 a.m.
*NOTE: *There is a parking fee at the fairgrounds. Students, please enter through Gate 8*

Textbook return:	•Seniors are responsible for returning books/computers directly to the bookroom.
Fines:	•It is your responsibility to clear all fines prior to picking up your cap and gown. Cap and gown will **NOT** be issued if you are carrying any fines.
Non-Participating Seniors:	•Those not participating in the commencement ceremony may pick up their diploma in the registrar's office starting on Tuesday, May 18, 2027.



Expected/Required Dress for Senior Assembly and Graduation:

- ✔ Dress, Skirt, or Dress Pants -any color: dresses and skirts not longer than "tea-length".
- ✔ Light colored (white preferred) dress shirt and Tie
- ✔ Dark Slacks (black preferred) **NO JEANS!**
- ✔ Dark dress shoes or dress boots with hard sole; A sensible walking heel is advised.
- ✔ NO athletic shoes or flip-flops!

Correct Graduation Ceremony Cap & Gown Attire:
Red Gown with Blue Stole (worn with longer portion down the back), Red "mortarboard" cap (worn flat on head, parallel to the floor-NOT on back on head), and tassel. Gowns must be zipped up during graduation ceremony.
Please do not alter the red cap or gown. No decorations, adornments, or slogans of any type are allowed on cap or gown, including but not limited to flowers, leis, buttons, balloons, signs, sayings, decals, stickers, etc.
***ONLY** APS approved academic honor cords or senior awards are allowed to be worn with the cap and gown.

Senior Assembly (Academic Stole/Robing Ceremony)
This exercise will be done during the Senior Assembly. **Each senior/graduate** will have **one** significant person of his or her choosing (an important adult in your life) seated in his or her chair on the gym floor. The significant person should place the cap & gown on the senior and then leave the gym floor. **The person that will present your cap & gown must be in the gym, sitting in your chair BY 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 14, 2027.** Family Seating will be available in the bleachers. **You may wear your white "decorated" cap at this event!*

What NOT to bring to Graduation at Tingley:
ALL seniors will be "screened" as they enter Tingley Coliseum. **No bags, purses, cameras, cell phones, food, drinks, beach balls, inflatable items,** etc. are allowed past the "Student Entrance". Please be prepared to secure all items (especially cell phones) outside of Tingley Coliseum. Please leave these items secure with family member or guest. **Do not bring them in!** All graduates planning on participating in the graduation ceremony will be required to open (unzip) gown, walk through a metal detector, and prove that no unauthorized items are being brought into Tingley Coliseum. Please understand any seniors carrying any unauthorized items will be turned away at the entrance.

Frequently asked questions about Graduation:

"Where do I order my cap & gown?"
Campus Specialties. They are located at 1529 Eubank Blvd. NE ~ Suite B. #505-275-9357
They are the official vendor selected by Sandia High School and A.P.S. to provide graduation announcements and caps & gowns to our graduates. Correct school colors are selected and used. Orders need to be completed now to ensure proper sizing. All 2027 graduates who plan to borrow a cap & gown may only borrow from 2016-2026 graduates because of color/material used. If you borrow a cap & gown, you will still need to purchase a 2027 tassel and turn in your All-Clear slip.

"Do I need tickets for guests to attend graduation?"
There are **NO** tickets required to attend graduation at Tingley Coliseum. Seats are on a first come, first served basis. Doors will open to the public at 1:30 p.m. All guests and spectators will enter through metal detectors.

"Who takes the professional graduation pictures?"
The company is Grad Images. They are a national company. They will email you proofs sometime after graduation if you turn in the required "photo card" to the Activities Office before May 14, 2027.

"Isn't it my right to attend the graduation ceremony?"

Actually, no. Albuquerque Public Schools is only responsible for making sure you have met the minimum requirements determined by the State of New Mexico needed to graduate. Once those requirements have been met, you will receive your diploma and records will indicate that you have successfully graduated.

