# GRADUATION GUIDELINES FOR HERITAGE HIGH SCHOOL

## **Graduation Tickets**

- 1. Two tickets will be available for pick-up outside the attendance office windows during lunch (12:45 pm-1:15 pm) the week of May 24-27<sup>th</sup>.
  - a. Due to current CA Department of Public Health guidelines regarding outdoor stadium capacity and graduations; no additional tickets will be provided. Guests should plan on showing photo ID upon entry.
  - b. In addition, each family must complete a graduation attendee survey, linked <a href="here">here</a> for their senior prior to May 19<sup>th</sup> and tickets will be numbered and matched to attendees.

\*\*Seniors must have student photo ID in order to receive their tickets!!\*\* Parents, family members, or friends will not be allowed to pick up graduation tickets.

### **Stadium Seating**

- 1. Gates will open to enter the stadium at 6:15 PM., ceremony starts at 7:30 PM. Parents should talk to their student after graduation practice to find out which side of the stadium their student will be closer to, Home or Visitor.
- 2. All guests must wear face masks at all times and will need to sit in designated areas to adhere to social distancing guidelines. Limited handicap seating will be available.
- 3. Any child 2 or older must have a ticket to attend. Children must remain with their parents in the bleachers.
- 4. <u>Due to state and county health guidelines regarding COVID-19 and graduation ceremonies, there will be no access, or viewing of the ceremony from outside the stadium including the loop road, or along the hillside above the stadium.</u>
  - a. A live stream link will be posted to the Heritage website prior to the graduation ceremony for viewing.

### **Dress Code**

- 1. Student dress is semi-formal (no jeans, shorts, flip-flops, or slippers). Students will report to a designated location, dressed and groomed by 6:15 PM.
- Cap---decoration is allowed, but must be school appropriate (if decorated inappropriately, a replacement cap will be
  provided; if no replacement caps are available, student will not participate in ceremony). Decorations must be flush to the
  cap. It is often windy in Patriot Stadium, seniors should be prepared to pin their cap in place after reporting to their
  designated location.
- 3. Graduates may not wear any unofficial decorations before, or during the ceremony; the only exception is that students may wear an item of traditional tribal regalia, or recognized item of religious, or cultural significance. This should be worn in addition to the traditional cap and gown not in place of.

#### **Student Behavior Expectations**

- 1. Inappropriate student behavior in the days before or during the ceremony will jeopardize participation in graduation. Students that participate in "senior pranks" that are harmful or destructive are liable for damages and may not participate in the commencement exercises. (Graduation ceremony is a privilege not a right.)
- 2. Graduation is a formal and dignified ceremony and students are expected to behave appropriately and with class.
- 3. No objects other than those approved by administration may be carried, or worn by students. No electronic devices, including cell phones and cameras are allowed.

# **Guest Behavior**

- 1. All guests are reminded that we are proud of all of our graduating seniors and we hope guests give ALL students the same courtesy and respect that they would hope for their own graduate.
- 2. Alcoholic beverages and smoking are not permitted anywhere on the Heritage H.S. campus.
- 3. Noise makers are not permitted in the stands.
- 4. Guests are expected to be particularly respectful to speakers and during the time when graduate names are being announced.
- 5. Balloons/ Shade Canopies/ Large Umbrellas are not permitted in the stadium as they block the view for other parents and guests viewing the graduation ceremony.

#### **Photographs**

Creative Imaging will take pictures of each graduate receiving their diploma. After graduation, information will be available on the HHS website for photo purchase. All seniors will receive a free digital image of their time on stage receiving their diploma. There will be no access to the field for guests before, during, or after the ceremony.

#### After the Ceremony

Guests will be able to meet graduating seniors after the recessional outside of the stadium; NOT in the middle of the field.