

Commencement – McLeod Center – Sunday, May 26 – 2:00 pm

Commencement Participation Agreement - IMPORTANT

Dear Senior Parents:

Cedar Falls High School has had a long-standing tradition of offering our students and parents a commencement ceremony that could be looked at in retrospect with great pride. We want our students to leave their last ties with Cedar Falls Community Schools feeling good about themselves and their classmates.

A great deal of work goes into a commencement ceremony by students, staff, and administration. It is disappointing when a few students are determined to ruin a ceremony for the entire class. In the past we assumed that everyone wanted the same ceremony that honors the graduating class. In reality and with experience from previous years, we know this not to be true. Without proper forewarning, we would have found it difficult to remove a student from the floor during commencement ceremonies with friends and relatives in attendance.

However, after giving the matter a great deal of thought, we have established the following guidelines for participation on May 26, 2019 and then hold students accountable. If your student cannot abide by these guidelines, your student may pay all fines and obligations and pick up his/her cap and gown on Tuesday, May 28th along with their diploma.

**Your signatures at the bottom of this page indicates your agreement with honoring the class during our commencement by following the guidelines without disruption.** We look forward to sharing with you and your relatives some of the outstanding accomplishments for the Class of 2019. We expect you to set the tone for commencement day. Help us honor ALL students in a polite and courteous manner.

EXPECTATIONS

- 1. THE CLASS IS BEING HONORED AS ONE BODY OF STUDENTS. Individuals are honored for their accomplishments at our May 7 Awards Night at 7:00 pm in the C.C. Stanard Auditorium. Each person is part of the whole graduating class therefore, please do not buy/wear corsages for the commencement ceremony.
2. We ask students to not alter either their cap or gown as it only distracts from honoring all students in an equal manner. No caps or gowns are available Sunday at the McLeod Center for anyone deviating from our understood standard.
3. SPECIAL DAY MEANS "DRESS FOR SUCCESS." Shirts, slacks, and dress shoes for male graduates and dresses, blouses and skirts/slacks, and dress shoes for the female graduates will be the standard.
4. CAPS AND GOWNS are purchased through C.F.H.S. on May 23. **Since dye lots change from year to year, it is expected that seniors participating in commencement will purchase a cap/gown, which they keep.**
5. ONLY GRADUATES WILL BE ALLOWED ADMITTANCE INTO THE SOUTHWEST ENTRANCE OF THE UNI DOME. Graduates are requested to be there by 1:15 P.M. on Sunday. You must have your cap and gown visible to supervisors at the door. Failure to bring either will make it impossible to participate in the ceremony. Students will report directly to the floor of the UNI Dome. Graduates are to bring NO cameras, purses, bags, extra clothes, etc. to the McLeod Center/UNI Dome as no security will be available in this area during the ceremony.
6. BEHAVIOR that is demeaning to the Class of 2019 such as beach balls, silly string, bubbles, noise makers, and inappropriate verbiage, etc. exhibited by students that interrupt the program can and will result in a brief suspension of the ceremony while the individuals are removed. Option 2 below is available for those students/families wanting less than a formal commencement.

The below portion must be clipped and returned when picking up cap and gown.



PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT:

PLEASE PRINT NAME – Student’s name must be legible.

Option #1 I, \_\_\_\_\_ Student Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_, agree to abide by the expectations established above and fully understand that non-compliance will result in my removal at any time during the May 26, 2019 ceremony.

Option #2 I, \_\_\_\_\_ Student Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_, feel it would be in my best interest to decline participation in the commencement ceremonies and will pick up my cap/gown and diploma on or after Tuesday, May 28, 2019, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. at Cedar Falls High School. Diplomas will not be mailed.

REQUIRED PARENT SIGNATURE:

I fully understand the requirements and support the school in holding a formal commencement celebration.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_