

Davis Senior High School

Class of 2012 Graduation Ceremony

Continuing the legacy begun by the Class of 2011, the Class of 2012 is proud to host their Graduation Ceremony on campus at the Ron & Mary Brown Stadium at Halden Field at 7:30 PM.

The Ceremony is a dignified celebration of the 13 years of hard work and effort our students have undertaken. A team of students is working hard to make sure their ceremony reflects that. Working in collaboration with teachers, parents, and members of the community, they are proud to host an event that will celebrate the spirit of Davis Senior High.

Our Frequently Asked Questions page will be updated with information as we determine our answers, so please check back regularly if you have any questions.

If you have any further questions, you may direct them to Activities Director Eric Morgan at emorgan@djud.net, Athletics Director Dennis Foster at dfoster@djud.net, or Vice Principal Tom McHale at tmchale@djud.net.

How many seats are available at the 2012 Graduation Ceremony?

We are estimating that 3800 seats will be available between chairs we rent for the ceremony and our bleachers.

How many seats can I request for the ceremony?

Each graduate will be guaranteed *four free* tickets to the ceremony. Additional tickets may be purchased for \$8 each, which goes to help defray the costs of the event. You may request as many tickets as you wish; however, remember that with over 500 students graduating, you may not receive all you ask for. We ask that you think communally about who you'd like to invite to graduation so we can accommodate as many requests as possible.

How do I reserve my tickets for the ceremony?

Complete the [Request for DHS 2012 Graduation Tickets Form](#). Submit it to the Front Office at Davis Senior High OR to C-4 with Mr. Morgan. Please be sure to fill the form out completely, as it will help us determine our process.

How will you determine who gets tickets?

We will count the total number of tickets requested from our families to see if we have enough seats. We will then determine if we need to cap the number of tickets that can be distributed. Once that is done, we will send out a confirmation of your request; *please do not prepare travel arrangements for relatives until you received confirmation that your ticket request can be accommodated and you have paid for your tickets.*

How will you determine where we sit?

We will use the information gathered from the Request for DHS 2012 Graduation Tickets Form to determine how to best assign seats. If our community prefers that families sit together rather than being guaranteed seats in our areas of preference, we will assign seats using that as our guide. We will strive to accommodate as many requests as possible, but given the number of people attending and the supply of seats, we may not be able to accommodate all location preferences.

Will I be able to see? Hear?

Yes! We have reputable, local businesses in charge of making sure our speeches and names reach all corners of our stadium, and we will have a jumbo screen on site so you can see close up of your graduates. We will also have sign interpreters present. A new stage is 8 inches higher than last year, which will also aid visibility.

How many tickets will each child receive?

Each graduate will receive 4 free tickets.

What if my family needs a few more tickets?

For a cost of \$8 a piece, each family request to purchase up to three additional tickets. Please wait for a confirmation of your ticket request before making travel arrangements.

When will the additional tickets go on sale?

After we have filled our ticket requests, we will put any remaining seats on sale to the community.

What's the deal with decorating caps?

Every school approaches their ceremony differently, based on the values of the school and community. Some schools have longstanding traditions of decorating their mortarboards with images and messages relevant to their families, future schools, and dreams; it is a personalized way of celebrating. Other schools prefer a more uniform and dignified approach to the ceremony, where mortarboards remain solid colors. Our student-committee in charge of graduation this year has been carefully discussing the kind of tone they'd like to see reflected in their ceremony, and have decided to follow the more formal tone. Therefore, *no decorated mortarboards will be allowed into the graduation ceremony.*

While not everyone will be satisfied with the aesthetic established by the student committee, we ask that our community respect the process and values made by the students in this decision. This issue has nothing to do with a desire to limit freedom of expression or to limit creativity, but is a step to maintain a formal tone to their celebration.

How can I contribute or help?

- Financially: The graduation ceremony is expensive to put on and we would appreciate any financial assistance you would like to offer. If you would like to donate to our event, you can make payments made out to "Davis Senior High

School Graduation 2012” to the Davis Senior High School Finance Office, 315 West 14th Street, Davis Ca 95616.

- Volunteer: Our event will also take many hands, backs, and hours of volunteer work from our community to be successful. Contact Dennis Foster at Dfoster@djusd.net if you would like to donate your labor or services. We especially need help with Set-up and Tear-down.