

Buchanan High School

Senior Activities Handbook

“Leaving a Legacy”

Graduation Committee

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Buchanan Alma Mater

Standing tall in proud display of
Strength and loyalty
We are forging bonds of kinship
Bears, we'll always be.

We salute the Red and Blue
Our pride will never die
Hail to you, our Alma Mater
Hail Buchanan High

Roger Bergman and Key Poulan
August, 1994



Senior Contract

It is understood that any participant breaking this contractual agreement will be denied participation in the graduation ceremony, or be removed from the ceremony, and will not receive a diploma that evening. In order to obtain the diploma a meeting must be scheduled with school administration at a later date. In addition, possible consequences may be assigned. The Principal will suspend the graduation ceremony immediately if, in his judgment, allowing the ceremony to continue would be dangerous or would not be in the best interest of the graduates, guests, the school, or the District.

Name of Graduating Senior (Please Print)

Counselor

Signature of Graduating Senior

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

**ALL SENIORS MUST COMPLETE AND RETURN
THIS PAGE TO MS. YANG'S OFFICE BY
April 27, 2018**

Graduation Ceremony Contract

Buchanan High School, graduating seniors, and the parents/guardians of students who have successfully completed graduation requirements are jointly interested in a dignified and meaningful graduation ceremony. Therefore, these three parties enter into this contract. This contract shall be signed and a copy filed at the school before the student will be issued a cap and gown for the purpose of participating in the graduation ceremony. Furthermore, a student not having a signed copy of this contract on file with the school **will not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony.** If students choose not to participate in the graduation ceremony, they may pick up their diplomas in the main office on the day following the graduation ceremony.

Buchanan High School agrees to provide a site and appropriate facilities for the ceremony and to provide the legal and traditional procedures required of such occasions. In addition, Buchanan High School agrees to take those steps deemed necessary to maintain order and dignity at the proceedings up to, and including exclusion of any student from participation in the activity before or during the event when the exclusion is necessary to maintain proper decorum. Reasons for denying participation in or receipt of the diploma at the graduation ceremony to an eligible student include, but are not limited to:

1. Possessing or being under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or another substance which appears to alter a person's behavior and/or inhibit the person's judgment, or being in violation of any C.U.S.D. Governing Board policies or California Education Code provisions.
2. Possessing beach balls, frisbees, noise makers, cell phones, etc., or other items inappropriate to the occasion.
3. Disruptive behavior, including failure to remain seated at the appropriate times; shouting or exhibiting rude behavior, making lewd or obscene gestures, committing offensive acts, or throwing of caps.

Students agree to dress in a manner which will not be disruptive or divert attention from the ceremony, and shall, if requested by an appropriate school official, agree to a visual inspection to insure appropriate dress and an absence of inappropriate items. Caps and gowns shall be without any personal or group adornment, except for District approved cords, sashes, tassels and pins. Following the ceremony graduates must return the graduation gowns to receive their diploma. Students will keep their graduation cap.

In addition to exemplifying behavior appropriate to the activity, parents/guardians shall instruct and encourage their student to adhere to the letter and spirit of the requirements listed here, and shall pledge to support Buchanan High School in its enforcement of these and other regulations regarding behavior during the graduation ceremony.

Important Dates and Senior Events

April

Monday.....4/23
Monday.....4/23
Thursday.....4/26

Senior Meeting, Sober Grad Ticket Sales,
Graduation Announcements Distribution
Athletic Scholarship Dinner, MPR
Grad Nite Bus Sign Ups, MPR
Pre-Paid Only

May

Saturday.....5/5
Monday-Friday.....5/7 – 18
Monday.....5/7
Monday.....5/7
Wednesday.....5/16
Tuesday-Wednesday.....5/22 – 23
Thursday-Friday.....5/24 – 25
Friday.....5/25
Monday.....5/28
Tuesday.....5/29
Wednesday.....5/30
Wednesday.....5/30
Thursday.....5/31
Thursday.....5/31 – 6/1

Junior-Senior Prom, Wolf Lakes
AP Testing
CSF Banquet, Clovis Veterans Memorial Building
Last Day to Accept Checks from Seniors
AVID Senior Celebration, MPR
Senior Finals
Senior Finals Make-Ups
Senior White Card Day
Memorial Day, No School
Senior Farewell Assembly, Yearbook Distribution
Graduation Cap & Gown Distribution
Scholarship Award Night, MPR
Senior Activity, TBD
Grad Nite – Universal Studios

June

Monday.....6/4
Monday.....6/4
Tuesday.....6/5
Wednesday.....6/6
Thursday.....6/7

Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal #1, 8:00 am, REC
Baccalaureate 6:00pm – 8:00pm, Via Church
698 N. Minnewawa Ave., Clovis, CA 93611
Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal #2, 8:00 am, REC
Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal #3, 8:00 am, REC
Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal #4, 7:30 am, VMS
Graduation: Report 6:00 pm to 100 building
Sober Grad at John's Incredible Pizza
10:00 pm-4:00 am (no re-entry)

Senior Guidelines

The graduation ceremony is a **Class of 2018** activity and is not intended to draw attention to any one individual or group. Proper behavior is expected at all times. Inappropriate behavior will be dealt with immediately. Any violation of these policies may result in exclusion from some, or all, senior activities. We are confident that the seniors will show the maturity and knowledge gained throughout their tenure at Buchanan High School to use good judgment. All Buchanan High and Clovis Unified School District rules and policies will be enforced during all senior class activities. Students agree to refrain from disruptive behavior, including failure to remain seated at the appropriate times, shouting or exhibiting rude behavior, making lewd or obscene gestures, or committing offensive acts in accordance with Penal Code 626.

Student I.D. cards WILL NEED to be shown at all senior activities.

The principal/designee shall remove any student or others who are in violation of a rule relating to senior activities.

Financial Obligations

All financial obligations must be cleared before caps and gowns will be issued to students. Students may clear financial obligations before school, during lunch or after school with Mrs. Vuicich, located in the main office. Library and textbook obligations can be cleared in the library before school, during lunch or after school.

*Note: Personal checks for payments will not be accepted after **May 7, 2018**. Only cash, money orders, or certified checks will be accepted after **May 7, 2018**.*

A finalized obligation list will be available in Deputy Principal, **Kia Yang's** office on **May 7, 2018**. Obligations must be cleared by 3:00 pm on **June 1, 2018** in order to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Graduation Ceremony

The stadium gates will open at 6:00 pm for the general public to enter. **ALL SENIORS ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT TO THE 100 building BY 6:00 pm.** Only graduating seniors and faculty sponsors will be allowed in this area. The only item students should have in their possession is their car key on a single key chain. Students will jeopardize their involvement in the graduation ceremony if they attempt to bring in any other objects. Bobby pins, safety pins, extra tassels and collars will be provided.

Graduates are to report to their assigned area or room where they will pick up their "row" assignment and their name card from their faculty sponsor. The name card is to be given to the reader during the ceremony. Students will be directed to line up in pairs at 6:30 pm. The class will walk from the 100 building to the stadium at 7:00 pm. The processional will begin at 7:30 pm sharp. Throughout the course of the processional no contact will be allowed with anyone other than fellow graduates and supervising staff.

After the Ceremony: Finding Your Family & Diplomas

Following the ceremony, the recessional will be led directly to the field behind the visitor stadium seating. Students may remain in this area where their families will be waiting. Families locate graduates by the row numbers which are posted around the field. After approximately 30 minutes, an announcement will be made to clear the field area. At that time, students must report to their assigned table (located in the field house) to turn in their graduation gown and receive their diploma.

Graduation Photographs

A designated photo area is available for your convenience on the east side of the track. Thank you for your cooperation.

Graduation Video

Graduation videos will be available for purchase from www.eventdvds.com Cost for DVD \$20 and Blue Ray \$25. The order forms will be made available at graduation or order can be place on their website.

Graduation Leis

Fresh Orchid leis and Kukui Nut leis directly from Hawaii will be sold at graduation by the Buchanan Foundation for \$20 each. Proceeds will benefit the Buchanan Foundation Scholarship Fund.

Graduation Ceremony

1. **Participation in Graduation Ceremony:** Students enrolled at Buchanan High School may participate in the graduation ceremony if District proficiency, State requirements, and course of study graduation requirements have been met at Buchanan by **May 25, 2018**.
2. In order to participate in the graduation ceremony, each graduate and his/her parent/guardian must sign a contract agreeing to abide by the specified code of dress and behavior for the ceremony. This signed contract (see page 13) must be on file at the school.
3. Graduates must report to the check in location in the appropriate graduation attire (see page 9). During check in, any inappropriate items such as beach balls, Frisbee, noise makers, gum, cell phones etc. will be confiscated. Graduates will jeopardize their participation in the graduation ceremony if they attempt to bring in any such items.
4. Graduates and guest who cause disruption to the graduation ceremony may be removed from the ceremony or premises by the Principal's designee.
5. The school Principal has the right and the authority to suspend the graduation ceremony prior to its beginning or during the ceremony if, allowing the ceremony to continue would be dangerous or would not be in the best interest of the graduates, the school, or the District.
6. **Students who throw their caps or disrupt the ceremony in any way will face appropriate consequences and will not receive their diploma that night. Cap and gown will be confiscated and student will be escorted off the premises.**
7. Announcements will be made outlining appropriate audience behavior and expectations before the ceremony.

Senior Guidelines

Final Exams

Senior finals will be on **Tuesday, May 22, and Wednesday, May 23**. To participate in the graduation ceremony, seniors must meet all graduation requirements by **Friday, May 25**. No students will be added to the graduation ceremony after **May 25**.

Non-Graduation Notification Day (White Card Day)

Non-Graduation Notification Day is **Friday, May 25**. Seniors must have fulfilled all CUSD and State graduation requirements by this date to participate in the graduation ceremony. Students and their parents will be notified on **Friday, May 25**, if they do not meet graduation requirements.

Final Transcripts to Colleges

Students needing final transcript sent to their college need to see the Buchanan High Registrar, Mrs. Leach, located in the main office. There is no charge for current students. Graduates (after June 7) will be charged \$2 per transcript after two free transcripts. Students needing transcripts between June 22 and August 3, please contact Sandy Sanchez at the District Office, 327-9370, for assistance.

Dress Code

Dress code policies will be in effect for all activities. Each senior activity may have special dress code conditions. Please refer to the information included in the description of each activity for special dress codes. For any questions, regarding appropriate dress, please contact Deputy Principal, Kia Yang 327-3073.

Senior Notes

*Class of
2018*

Graduation Attire Dress Code

The graduation ceremony presents the **Class of 2018** to the parents, faculty, invited guests, and the Buchanan community. The graduation ceremony is a celebration of our students' scholastic achievement.

- CUSD Dress Code will be enforced. Male students must be clean shaven and no Medical Waiver allowed.
- Students must wear semi-formal/formal attire. Students are required to wear one of the following suit with collar dress shirt and tie, slacks with collar dress shirt and tie, dresses, pants, skirts with blouse, etc. **NO JEANS OR DENIM.**
- A collar will accompany graduation gowns for females.
- Students must wear dress shoes. **NO** athletic shoes, Birkenstocks, flip-flop type sandals, or combat boots.
- Caps will be worn flat on the head with the point aimed straight ahead.
- Tassels will be worn on the right side of the cap. **NO BLING TASSEL.**
- **NO CELL PHONES, WALLETS, ETC. WILL BE ALLOWED.**

DO NOT WEAR CAPS AND GOWNS, COLLARS AND TASSELS. BRING THEM WITH YOU AND YOU WILL PUT THEM ON IN YOUR ROOM!

The only acceptable accessories to the standard cap and gown are the CSF Life Gold Cord, National Honor Society Sash, Buchanan Symbol of Academic Distinction Medallion, International Thespian Society Honor Scholar, AVID, or the Green Energy Academy cords.

Graduation Rehearsal

****ALL REHEARSALS ARE MANDATORY****

Monday, June 4, 8:00 am - Graduation Rehearsal #1

Seniors report to the REC at 8:00 am.

Tuesday, June 5, 8:00 am - Graduation Rehearsal #2

Seniors report to the REC at 8:00 am.

Wednesday, June 6, 8:00 am - Graduation Rehearsal #3

Seniors report to the REC at 8:00 am

Thursday, June 7, 7:30 am - Graduation Rehearsal #4

Seniors report to Veterans Memorial Stadium 7:30 am SHARP wearing graduation gowns but not caps. This rehearsal will include an overview of the graduation ceremony, practice by the senior class through the entire program, and procedures to be followed graduation night.

Graduation Guests

Graduation Seating

General Seating is available in the stadium. Reserved seating will be on the track area, ticket required. Tickets are distributed to Valedictorians, Salutatorians and Academic Scholars of Distinction.

Accessible Seating

Seating for wheelchairs is available on the ground level with one guest, as well as in the upper stadium. Courtesy golf cart shuttles are also available from the softball parking lot on Nees Avenue.

Guest Guidelines

The stadium gates will open at 6:00 pm for all guests. Buchanan High School's graduation ceremony will be regarded as an event which celebrates the accomplishments of an entire class. Therefore, we would appreciate your cooperation in supporting our efforts by displaying common courtesy and appropriate behavior. We ask that you do not cause undue distraction during the ceremony. The following ARE NOT permitted in the stadium: AIR HORNS, SIGNS, NOISE MAKERS, BALLOONS, and ICE CHESTS.

Senior Events

Senior Farewell Assembly/Yearbook Dedication

The Senior Farewell Video will be shown and the Yearbook Dedication will be announced on Tuesday, May 29. Yearbook distribution for all seniors will take place after the Senior Farewell and Yearbook Assembly.

Baccalaureate

Graduating seniors, family members and friends of all faiths and denominations are invited to attend this faith based ceremony. Participation is entirely voluntary. Committee members from the Senior Class and community members have sponsored and arranged this year's Baccalaureate Service. Decisions pertaining to the Baccalaureate Service are the responsibility of this committee.

Baccalaureate will be held at 6:00 pm., Monday, June 4, at Via Church, 698 N. Minnewawa Avenue, Clovis. A dessert reception sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes will follow the service for all those in attendance.

Baccalaureate Attire

Students' dress should be respectfully semi-formal for a church setting and following CUSD dress code (no shorts allowed).

Senior Events

Grad Nite – Universal Studios

May 31 seniors will report to the West Gym at 12:00 pm. Buses depart at 1:00 pm for **Universal Studios**. Students return June 1st at approximately 6:30am.

Bus sign-ups will be held on Thursday, April 26, during the lunch hour in the MPR. Remaining Grad Nite packages will be on sale Monday, May 7, starting at lunch in the Activities Office for \$190 (cash only) **if space is available**. There will be NO refunds FOR ANY REASON, and NO bus changes.

Universal Studios Dress Policy

ACCEPTABLE: Pants, shirt, sweater or jacket, and comfortable shoes are acceptable. CUSD Dress Code will be enforced at all times. **No leggings**. Denim is permissible as long as it is free of holes and fraying. Bags no larger than a half sheet of paper are allowed.

NOT ACCEPTABLE: No clothing affiliated with a school, group, club, sports team, etc. (i.e., letterman jackets, school logos or name, etc.); No clothing not in good repair (torn/holes pants, shirts, etc.); No extremely revealing clothing, shorts, hats, all backpacks (including purse-sized backpacks, tote bags); Tobacco products, alcohol, drugs and weapons. No laser pointers, fluids of any kind including water bottles, perfumes, and aerosol cans. All CUSD rules and policies are in effect. Per Universal Studios, boys may not wear tank tops or undershirts.

Universal Studios Security has the right to refuse access to anyone they deem not appropriately dressed for the event. If access is denied, the student will remain in the Chaperone/Security area for the entire event. Universal Studios has the right to change their dress code at any time.

Food

We will have dinner at Universal Studios. You may bring other food and drink items to eat that are **pre-packaged and SEALED**. (NO ZIP LOCKS, HOME WRAPPED or OPENED ITEMS). ITEMS NOT ALLOWED: gum, sunflower and pumpkin seeds, fresh fruit or anything in glass containers, and fountain sodas.

Senior Events

In Transit

Bus companies will not allow standing in the aisles - STATE LAW. There may be a wait on the bus when we arrive at Universal Studios.

A Word about Shoplifting

Every person is a potential security agent as are all uniformed police. Park officials can and will turn you over to their Police Department.

Sober Grad - Party All Night

The 2018 Sober Graduation Party, sponsored by BHS parents, will be held at John's Incredible Pizza from 10:00 pm to 4:00 am graduation night. All graduates attending must arrive at the event by midnight. Student ID card or driver's license must be presented to be admitted. Sober Grad is an event for graduated seniors only. No guests will be allowed. The CUSD Dress Code will **not** be enforced during the Sober Grad celebration.

The cost of the All Night Sober Grad Party is \$50 per person. Included will be food (all you can eat), entertainment, use of the facilities the entire evening, and prizes! Tickets can be purchased during your senior meeting on **April 23**. An early bird raffle prize will be held at that meeting. Tickets will also be sold periodically, listen to the morning announcements for more information. Tickets the night of the event will be available at the door for \$60 (cash only).

Any question, please contact Gweynn Archer 559-709-4129

Note: Personal checks for payments will not be accepted after May 7th. Only cash, money orders, or certified checks will be accepted after May 7th.