

Senior Graduation Question and Answer Sheet

Dates & Times:

Senior Graduation, Thursday, May 17, 2012 at 7 pm

Day of Graduation Timeline:

4:00 pm	Student performer's sound check
4:30 pm	Practice begins <i>(It is mandatory that all students attend!)</i>
5:45 pm	Clear gym of all guest (not students or staff)
5:45 / 6 – 6:30 pm	Students' break for snack, bathroom and changing
5:50 – 6pm	Ticket window will open up for the evening beginning at this time
6:30 pm	Students line up for the group photo
6:30 - 6:45 pm	Student group photo
7:00 pm	Graduation begins
<i>Students are not allowed to leave the premises from 4:30 pm until after the graduation ceremony is over!</i>	

Location: Waterford High School Gymnasium, 121 S. Reinway Ave. Waterford, CA 95386.
The Waterford High School gymnasium is a beautiful facility and since we are one of the schools in the Waterford Unified School District, we are able to use this facility at no cost to our school.

Participation Forms:

Senior Graduation: <http://www.connectingwaters.org/CWforms/sengradpart.pdf>

Letters to the graduates:

Senior Graduation Letter: <http://www.connectingwaters.org/CWforms/gradltr.pdf>

Cap & Gown:

Only mandatory for senior graduates

Please purchase from our vendor:

Academic Affairs & Balfour
1180 Horizon Drive, Suite C
Fairfield, CA 94533
Phone (707) 399-9091

Prices for Cap and Gown Unit w/ tassel \$39.00

<http://www.connectingwaters.org/CWforms/capgown.pdf>

A cap and gown is required if you wish to participate in the graduation ceremony. You must order your cap and gown through Academic Affairs and payment must be made to them directly. Do not send payment to the school office in Waterford. Academic Affairs will only accept money orders for payment! Do **not** send a check! (A bulk amount of orders must be received before Academic Affairs will send out the caps & gowns.) Academic Affairs must receive your payment no later than February 8, 2012. After this date your order will incur an additional \$15 charge for special processing. Cap and gown orders will not be shipped until approximately two weeks prior to graduation. When you receive your cap and gown it will be quite wrinkled. The best method for removing the wrinkles is to take it out of the package and hang it up on a hanger.

Ordering Graduation related items Information:

Graduation catalogs will not be provided from Academic Affairs this year.

Announcement orders are optional and can be ordered through Academic Affairs. All payments are sent directly to Academic Affairs/Balfour at 1180 Horizon Drive, Suite C, Fairfield, CA 94533, Phone (707) 399-9091 or online at <http://www.balfour.com/>. Direct orders are due no later than January 4, 2012 and ***they will only accept money orders for payment!*** All graduation related items, with the exception of the cap and gown unit can be ordered online.

Comment Cards:

Parents of students and / or students will need to complete this portion of the participation form "Achievements & goals" (***Please try to keep it approximately 25 words or less***)

Incomplete participation forms:

Will ***not*** be accepted by the school office and will be returned to family if incomplete!

Funding:

In order to cover basic graduation needs \$25.00 will be deducted from each participating graduates instructional funding.

If you choose not to have this deducted from the student funding you will need to let us know by calling Mary Vinnedge by Dec. 11, 2011 at 800-808-9895, Ext. 5, followed by 2.

Performances/Speeches

We are providing the opportunity for one or more of the graduates to give a short three to five minute speech or performance. All performances and speeches must be received by 4:00 pm on March 8, 2012 to the school office to be considered. In the past, students have played musical instruments, sang, and given a ballet performance. All performances will need to be submitted in CD or DVD and in PC format or by emailing the link to your YouTube performance. Please notify Mary Vinnedge at 209-874-1119 Ext. 5, then 2 or e-mail mvinnedge@connectingwaters.org prior to March 8, 2012 if you wish to perform at the graduation. The graduation performance committee will choose and approve the performances and speeches for the graduation. May this year be an exciting and productive year for all of you! If you have any graduation questions or comments please contact Mary Vinnedge at 209-874-1119 Ext. 5, then 2.

CAHSEE results

Students who desire to participate in the graduation ceremony must take **two out of the first three** sessions of the CAHSEE (and pass the test) during their senior year (unless exam has been passed). March test results will be received by graduation.

No student who has not passed both portions of the CAHSEE will be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.

No student who receives a failing grade up to the day of graduation will be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Senior Student Attire:

Boys & Girls-Comfortable, but school appropriate clothing that can be wore under your cap & gown (*Cap & gowns are mandatory to participate in ceremony*) **Please follow the CWCS Dress Code and no flip flops!**

Tickets:

Senior Graduation - Amount of tickets requested for attendees. (Maximum 7) ***The number of tickets could vary depending upon participation.***

Tickets are necessary for each person (including toddlers and infants) to enter the Senior Graduation!
(With the exception of the graduate)

Parents or guardians can pick up tickets at the ticket window starting at approximately 5:50pm!
They will be given the amount of tickets that you have already requested. There may be extras
tickets available at the ticket window, on a first come, first serve basis.

Photographer:

Leonard Photography will be at both the ceremony to take individual graduation pictures, if you
should want to purchase a package. A group graduation picture will also be taken and may be
added to a picture package. Packages start at approximately \$25.00. For more information, please
contact them directly at 209-824-0204.

Food/Snack:

Suggestions: Just Finger food please

Store bought mini assorted types of sandwiches

Store bought individual bagged chips

Store bought individual bagged snacks

Store bought fruit platter

Store bought veggie platter

Store bought cookies

Waters

If you are bringing snacks for the graduates-Please keep in mind that there is no refrigerator for storage
of any kind, no area for food preparation, and no sink or running water nearby (except the restrooms).
So the food should arrive no later than 5:30 and be ready to serve. To volunteer to help out please
notify Mary Vinnedge at 209-874-1119 Ext. 5, then 2 or e-mail mvinnedge@connectingwaters.org

**In order to help us achieve our goal there are some important dates that you will need to
remember:**

Dec. 8 – Senior graduation participation information forms due

Jan. 4 - Graduation announcements order forms due to Academic Affairs

Feb. 2 - Senior graduation participation information forms due for late enrollees

Mar. 8 - Deadline to have student graduation speeches or performances due to the school office

May 15 - Senior graduation required practice 4:30 pm and Senior graduation at 7:00 pm

Graduation Etiquette

We would like the ceremony to be memorable for you and your family.

- ✓ Please turn off cell phones and pagers.
- ✓ Please hold your applause until after the student's statement is read.
- ✓ Please be courteous and do not talk until the graduation ceremony is complete.
- ✓ Please remain seated throughout the entire ceremony.
- ✓ Please keep your children in their seats during the ceremony.
- ✓ Please give gifts and flowers to student after the ceremony.
- ✓ Please check in balloons and flowers at the table in the back.
- ✓ Please keep seat next to you clear of items for others to be seated.
- ✓ Please do not use any party horns.
- ✓ Please do not use any confetti in gym or on school property.
- ✓ Please do not bring any food or drink in to the gym,
with the exception of bottled water.

Direction:

From Manteca: Take South 99 to the Briggsmore exit in Modesto. From the exit turn left onto Briggsmore. Take Briggsmore to Claus approximately 6 ½ miles. Turn right onto Claus. Take Claus to Yosemite approximately 2 miles. Turn left onto Yosemite. Take Yosemite to Reinway Ave. in Waterford approximately 8 ½ miles. Turn right onto Reinway. The High School will be immediately on your right.

From Turlock: Take Geer Road north to Yosemite Ave. Turn right onto Yosemite. Take Yosemite to Reinway Ave. in Waterford approximately 4 miles. Turn right onto Reinway. The High School will be immediately on your right. Approximately 25 minutes from downtown Turlock.

From Modesto: Take Briggsmore Ave. East to Claus. Turn right onto Claus. Take Claus to Yosemite approximately 2 miles. Turn left onto Yosemite. Take Yosemite to Reinway Ave. in Waterford approximately 8 ½ miles. Turn right onto Reinway. The High School will be immediately on your right.

From Merced: Take North 99 to the Shanks / Delhi Exit. Turn right onto Shanks. Take Shanks to Vincent. Turn left on Vincent. Take Vincent to East Ave. Turn right on East Ave. Take East Ave. to Hickman Road. Turn left on Hickman Road. Take Hickman Road to Yosemite Ave. in Waterford. Turn left on Yosemite Ave. Take Yosemite Ave. to Reinway Ave. Turn left on Reinway Ave. The High School will be immediately to your right. Approximately 1 hour from Merced.

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