

Senior Graduation Question and Answer Sheet

Dates & Times:

Senior Graduation, Thursday, May 19, 2011 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 opens
6:30 pm	Line up for the group photo
6:30 - 6:45 pm	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 \$ 38.00

<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 11, 2011. *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, 2011 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 returned to family if incomplete!

Funding:

In order to cover basic graduation needs \$ \$30.00 for Senior 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. 10, 2010 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 3 - 5 minute speech during the graduation ceremony. **All speeches must be received by 4:00 pm on March 11, 2011 at the School Office to be considered.** We would also like for our students to share their talent at graduation. In the past, students have played musical instruments, sang, and given a ballet performance. If you are interested, performances will need to be submitted in CD or DVD and in PC format. Please notify Mary Vinnedge at 209-874-1119 Ext. 5, then 2 or e-mail mvinnedge@connectingwaters.org **prior to March 11, 2011** if you wish to give a speech or perform at the graduation. The graduation committee will choose and approve the speech(s) and performance(s) that will be given during the ceremony.

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:

Sandwiches cut in fours, small bags of individual chips, individual snacks, fruit, cookies and 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

Graduation / Promotion Etiquette

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

- ✓ Please turn off cell phones and pagers.
- ✓ Please hold your applause until after the graduate'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 graduate 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 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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