



Galt High School

"Home of the Warriors"

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February 1, 2012

Dear Senior and Parent:

We at Galt High School believe the graduation ceremony is an important event; a time to show pride, respect and appreciation. We encourage all students to take part in the ceremony, but participation is optional and a privilege. We expect students to demonstrate responsibility and proper behavior during the last quarter of school and during the ceremony.

There are three forms the student and parent must sign if the student wishes to participate in the graduation ceremony and Senior Activities Week. The first is the *Senior Guidelines* which details expected school attendance, behavior and academic performance during the finals months of school. The second is the *Senior Class Pledge* that covers expected dress and behavior during the graduation ceremony. The third is the contract for *Senior Activities Week*.

Please read these forms carefully. The three sheets with student and parent signatures must be returned to the "Senior Letter" box in the counseling office. **Students who do not return their forms will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony and/or Senior Activities Week.** (The 18-year-old signature privilege does not apply for graduation activities.) We have established a tradition of a dignified and meaningful ceremony, and we wish to continue this tradition and have you share in it.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and participation.

Maria Orr
Principal



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Dear Senior and Parent:

Attached is the graduation pledge. It is designed to ensure a meaningful and dignified graduation ceremony. We ask you to read it carefully. This contract is a commitment on your part and is required of all seniors participating in the commencement service. Please sign the pledge and return all forms to the "Senior Letter" box in the counseling office.

Please understand that the commencement service is not mandatory; it is your choice to attend or not. We sincerely hope, however, that no senior will choose to miss this most meaningful ceremony. It is our feeling at Galt High School that all seniors should participate in this final ceremony to honor themselves, their teachers, friends, and parents as they unite to demonstrate respect and appreciation for the education they have received.

The graduation code covers behavior and dress code. If you have questions regarding suitability of a particular outfit, please check with Administration. Below are definitions of appropriate attire:

Dress

- Shoes: Must be regular, matching shoes appropriate for any dignified ceremony, such as a wedding or dress-up dance. Please use good judgment. No flip flops, athletic/tennis shoes, or slippers. Clean, polished boots are acceptable as are dress sandals. (Tevas or Birkenstocks are not appropriate.)
- Hair: Clean and nicely done. Please, nothing outlandish that prevents the cap from fitting properly. The key here is neat---as long as it allows the cap to fit properly. Remember, this is a formal occasion.
- Clothing: Boys: Full collared shirt (no "t" shirts and absolutely no logos whatsoever.) A tie is most appropriate and is highly encouraged but not mandatory. Pants must be full length (no jeans, shorts or cut offs.) Girls: A nice dress, or pants outfit would be appropriate (no jeans, shorts or cut offs.) No bare midriffs for either boys or girls. Remember, this is a formal occasion.

NO WRITTEN OR DESIGN MODIFICATIONS TO GOWNS ARE ACCEPTABLE.

Galt High School
Commencement Ceremony
Frequently Asked Questions

When is the commencement ceremony?

The ceremony takes place on Thursday evening, May 31, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

Where does it take place?

The ceremony will take place at Galt High School's Warrior Stadium (the football stadium).

Who participates?

All graduating seniors and mid-term graduates from 2011-2012 are invited to participate if they have signed the appropriate forms, and have not been denied the privilege because of previous discipline problems.

When should the graduates arrive?

All graduates should be in the Warrior Gymnasium by 6:30 p.m. on Thursday May 31, 2012.

Where will parents, relatives and friends sit?

There is one seating area; which requires the possession of a commencement ticket. The graduates receive (10) individual tickets, for the bleachers.

Where do we get the special commencement tickets?

At senior checkout on Thursday morning, May 31, 2012, all seniors who complete checkout will be given 10 tickets. There are **no extra tickets** available. Mid-term graduates may pick up their tickets at the same time. These tickets allow entrance to the aforementioned seating area.

What about handicapped seating areas?

An area to the sides of the reserved seating area will be provided for those with wheelchairs. Plus one attendee (both must have a ticket).

What about parking?

There is limited parking around Galt High School. Please be careful to follow all parking laws, and respect the parking rights of our neighbors.

What about pictures?

There are two good photo opportunities. As the graduates gather prior to entering the gymnasium, and also Lifetouch, a professional photography company, will be taking pictures of each graduate.

What about caps, gowns, and announcements?

Every graduate must have a cap and gown to participate in the ceremony. These are available through Jostens. There are order forms in the main office. Generic announcements are also available from Jostens. The Jostens representative is Jeff Lane at 916-782-3949. Please order your caps and gowns as soon as possible; the price goes up the closer to graduation.

2012 Galt High School End of the Year Important Dates

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Tues	5/15	Academic and Senior Awards	Warrior Gym	6:30p
F	5/11	FFA Awards Banquet	Littleton Center	6:00p
F	5/11	Drama Awards Banquet	Auditorium	4:00p
Th	5/17	Deadline for Official Grades from Off-Campus, Adult. Ed. (delivered to registrar)		
F	5/18	All Outstanding Books and Senior Fines Cleared (uncleared fines could prevent you from participating in Senior functions)		
Sun	5/20	Baccalaureate	Auditorium	7:00p
M	5/21	Senior Trip – Disneyland!		4:00a
T	5/22	All Seniors report to your first period class		
F	5/25	Last day for senior Final Exams		
F	5/25	Senior Grades due (Grades will be imported at 8:00am on 5/28)		3:00p
F	5/25	All Current Books Cleared (NO EXCEPTIONS!)		
M	5/28	Memorial Day – No School!		
T	5/29	Senior Breakfast	to be determined	
W	5/30	Graduation Practice (MANDATORY) (Seniors must check into 2 nd period; then report to the Stadium for practice)	Stadium	8:15a
	TBD	Senior BBQ	to be determined	
Th	5/31	Graduation Ticket Distribution (10 tickets total per graduate)	Nottoli Dome	9:00a
Th	5/31	Student Graduation Speaker Practice (MANDATORY)	Stadium	4:30p
Th	5/31	Graduation Line-Up (MANDATORY)	Warrior Gym	6:30p
Th	5/31	Graduation (admittance by ticket only)	Stadium	7:30p

Galt High Safe and Sober Grad Night

At

Boomers

Come celebrate your Graduation Night all night at Boomers in Modesto. Buses will be provided to and from the event. We leave promptly at 10pm and will be back at Galt High at 5am.

Activities include:

Unlimited Go Karts
Unlimited Lazer Tag
Unlimited Mintature Golf
Unlimited Bumper Boats
Unlimited Rock Wall
Unlimited Video Games (excludes redemption games)

And the newest edition the ***Flame Thrower***

Balloon Art in School Colors
DJ

To Attend this Event you **MUST** sign up in the quad at lunch time the first 50 student who sign up (including the permission slip and payment) will receive their **Safe and Sober Grad Night T-Shirt Free!**

Permission slips available in the library with the dates for lunch time sign ups listed! All senior are allowed 2 guests to attend the event between the ages of 15 to 20 and must have a permission slip and fee paid at the same time as the student. Cost per person is \$50.00 (includes all activities and food at the event), early sign ups before March 18th. After March 18th the cost goes up to 55.00 a ticket.

Promoting a drug and alcohol free graduation night!

*Senior Guidelines for Participation
in the*
Galt High School 2012 Graduation Ceremony

To be eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony, students are expected to maintain good achievement, attendance and behavior during the final months of school. The guidelines and reasons for denying participation are outlined below:

1. Academic: All academic requirements must be fulfilled by Friday, May 25, 2012. This includes passing all required classes, earning a minimum of 220 credits and passing minimum competency tests. Any credits needed from Adult School, Advanced Academics or college classes must also be completed by Thursday, May 17, 2012.
2. Attendance: Students are expected to have good attendance, which means no unexcused absences and no more than five (5) excused absences (full or partial days) and no more than 8 tardies in the final months. A student is considered a truant by law with three days or equivalent number of periods of unexcused absences. Students who meet the definition of a truant will be denied participation. A student with more than five (5) excused absences may appeal to the principal to walk at graduation.
3. Citizenship/Behavior: students are expected to follow the rules and demonstrate maturity, responsibility and respect. Students who commit certain offenses during the final months may be denied participation.

I fully understand the academic requirements, attendance, and behavior expected of me. I further understand that I may be denied the opportunity to participate in the graduation ceremony if I do not meet the aforementioned expectations.

If I am denied participation in the graduation ceremony, I will have an opportunity to appeal that decision with the principal. All such appeals must be in writing to the principal by Friday, May 25, 2012.

If this form is not returned to the “Senior Letter” box in the Counseling Office by **Friday, February 10, 2012**, it will be assumed you intend **NOT** to participate in the ceremony.

I understand this contract to be effective February 2, 2012 – May 31, 2012.

Student Name (print)

Student ID #

Student Signature

Date

Parent Name (print)

Parent Signature

Date

**Please return signed pledge to the “Senior Letter” box in the Counseling
Office by February 10, 2012**

Galt High School Senior Class Pledge

In order to make graduation an experience that the “Class of 2012” and I can be proud of, I agree that I will behave according to the following guidelines.

1. Dress according to the published instructions.
2. Submit to dress inspection prior to the ceremony.
3. Wear the gown appropriately throughout the ceremony.
4. Not take disruptive materials into the graduation ceremony (i.e. beach balls, confetti, balloons etc.)
5. Not shout, yell or make any inappropriate noises during the ceremony.
6. Not throw any materials whatsoever.
7. Not make any inappropriate gestures.
8. Be attentive and respectful of all persons on and off the stage.
9. March/walk appropriately to my selected seat.
10. Not stand on the chairs.
11. Walk on the stage, receive my diploma with dignity, walk off the stage in a dignified manner and return to my seat.

I understand the behavior required of me. I further understand that if I violate any part of the terms of the above pledge I may be removed from graduation and will not receive my diploma until there is a conference with Mrs. Orr, Principal and my parents.

I understand this Contract to be effective February 2, 2012 – May 31, 2012

Student Name (please print)

Student ID #

Student Signature

Date

Parent Name (please print)

Parent Signature

Date

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Galt High School
Contract for Senior Activities Week and
Notification of Eligibility Requirements

Dear Senior Students:

This is to advise you of Galt High School's policy regarding your behavior, attendance, completion of all exams, and clearance of all fines. Your compliance with the following requirements will determine whether or not you are eligible to participate in Senior Activities Week. You are reminded of your responsibility and accountability for any infractions of this contract.

Policy: At any time during the final months of the 2011-2012 school year, any student who commits or participates in the commission of any act enumerated in the District Behavior Code, or is involved in any type of vandalism will not be allowed to participate in Senior Activities Week. Further consequences may apply, such as suspension, or expulsion, and exclusion from the commencement ceremony.

During the final months of the 2011-2012 school year, the student may not have any unexcused absences, including period absences, and is limited to no more than 5 excused absences, with the exception of school sponsored activities. **This will be strictly enforced!**

It is the student's responsibility to complete all final exams given by the teacher. The final exams must be completed before Friday, May 25, 2012 or the student will not participate in Senior Activities Week.

Students must pay all bills and fines by Friday, May 18, 2012. Failure to pay bills and fines by this date will result in nonparticipation in Senior Activities Week. Seniors will not receive a diploma until all bills and fines are resolved. Library books must also be turned in by Friday, May 18, 2012. All textbooks must be turned into the bookroom by 3:30 p.m. on Friday, May 25, 2012. There will be **NO EXCEPTIONS!** If the student is not cleared, they **WILL NOT PARTICIPATE** in Senior Activities Week, and may face further consequences.

Attendance will be taken during the days of the activities. Students must attend either Senior Activities Week activities or regularly scheduled classes. Attendance failure will result in exclusion from the Commencement Ceremony.

Students: I have read the above policy and understand the expectations and consequences regarding participation in Senior Activities Week and the Commencement Ceremony. I agree to abide by these rules and regulations. I understand that failure to comply with this contract will result in disqualification from Senior Activities Week and the Commencement Ceremony, as well as the withholding of my diploma until the conflict is resolved.

I understand this contract to be effective February 2, 2012 – May 31, 2012.

Student ID #

Student Name (Please print)

Date

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

In the event the student and the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the student refuse to sign the "Contract for Senior Activities Week and Notification of Eligibility Requirements" form your son/daughter will be excluded from all senior activities until such time as the document is signed.

Please return signed contract to the "Senior Letter" box in the Counseling Office by February 10, 2012