



Fred C. Beyer High School

Focus on Pride
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Dear Parent or Guardian of a Beyer Senior,

Beyer's graduation ceremony for the 2018-19 school year is just weeks away. Our seniors have worked very hard to reach graduation, and while it is a celebration, it is an occasion which should honor student achievement with solemnity and dignity. Our graduates deserve a dignified ceremony. Beyer High School staff will make every effort to provide a graduation ceremony that honors the achievement of your student.

Below is important information that will answer many of your questions with respect to our graduation ceremony. Please read this information carefully and discuss it with your senior. In the event you have questions, please call the school at 574-1647.

- ❖ Only seniors who have met Modesto City Schools graduation requirements and are eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony per the Modesto City Schools Student Conduct Code and Modesto City Schools Board Policies.
- ❖ **Graduation practice** will be at 8AM on Friday, May 31st, 2019 at the Modesto Junior College Stadium on Tully Rd. located on the MJC East Campus. Attending practice is a requirement for participating in the graduation ceremony.
- ❖ **Graduation ceremony** is at 6:30 PM on Friday, May 31, 2019 at the Modesto Junior College Stadium.
- ❖ MJC Stadium gates will be open at 5:30 p.m. There will be two gate entrances for parents and guests: the southeast side of the stadium, accessed through parking lot 108 and then the gate on Tully Rd. on the southwest side of the stadium.
- ❖ All seating is **first come, first served**. There is **no** reserved seating.
- ❖ Wheelchair-accessible seating will be available and is also **first come, first served**. This seating is for the individual in the wheelchair and one guest.
- ❖ On May 16th in their Government class, each graduate will receive twelve tickets, their graduation photo packets, and their senior clearance form. Please note that eight will be red and four blue. All twelve tickets will gain access to Modesto Junior College Stadium. However, if there is inclement weather on May 31st, the graduation may be moved to an alternate location where only the blue tickets will work at that point. If there is a change in venue, parents and students will be notified via phone dialer.
- ❖ Family and guests will be admitted **with a ticket only, this includes children of any age**. Persons without a ticket cannot be admitted to the ceremony. All guests are expected to be seated in either the bleachers or the reserved seating areas for those who require wheelchair access.
- ❖ Students are expected to dress in a manner which is in keeping with a dignified event: Dresses or slacks/skirt and a blouse for girls. Boys are to wear long pants and a shirt. Students must wear **shoes**, and please adhere to the Modesto City Schools dress code.
- ❖ Only school-issued cap and gowns will be permitted during the ceremony. No alterations to the caps or gowns may be made. Corsages and flowers are not to be carried or worn during the ceremony.
- ❖ **No balloons, sign, banners or umbrellas** are allowed in the stadium. These tend to block the view of other guests.
- ❖ No air horns and other noisemakers are allowed in to the stadium.
- ❖ Cameras and video recorders are permitted. Please remain seated to avoid obstructing the view of other guests.
- ❖ Shoob Photography will be taking the commencement pictures. Students will receive a picture order form in May and completed order forms should be submitted at Graduation Practice.
- ❖ **VERY IMPORTANT:** Please remain seated until the end of the ceremony. The last student to receive their diploma deserves the same recognition as the first.
- ❖ Please alert all your guests to the expectations noted above.

Parents and students alike will want to remember this evening positively, so it is very important that we afford graduates the dignity they deserve for their accomplishment. With everyone's cooperation, we will have an outstanding graduation ceremony. This is a final opportunity to focus on Patriot PRIDE! Politeness, Respect, Integrity, Discipline and Excellence.

Sincerely,

Dan Park, Principal