



## Class of 2026 Senior Notification

This notification is to be signed and returned to the Assistant Principal's Office  
no later than Friday, March 13, 2026.  
This notification is in effect Monday, March 16, 2026.

*"I understand that participating in this year's senior closing events and the graduation ceremony is a privilege. To be eligible to participate, I must maintain the established criteria for academic achievement, attendance, and behavior during the **4th quarter** of my senior year. To ensure that I may participate in the senior closing events and/or the graduation ceremony, I understand that I must meet all of the following criteria."*

### ACADEMIC

- Complete all academic requirements by Friday, May 15, 2026.
- Pass all required classes, earning a minimum of 240 credits.

### ATTENDANCE

- Maintain good attendance in all classes. Excessive absences will result in Administrative action. (Excessive is defined as 10 or more excused full or partial school days during the fourth quarter).
- Complete all Detention and/or Saturday School sessions by Monday, May 4, 2026.

### BEHAVIOR

- Must behave in a mature, responsible manner. If suspended for any reason during the 4th Quarter, a student may not be able to participate in the graduation ceremony or senior activities. It is understood that this behavior standard applies at school and at any school-sponsored activity, even those not at El Dorado High School.
- Attend **mandatory graduation practice** on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 10am in the Large Gym.

### FINES/FEES

- Pay all outstanding fines/fees to the Finance Office by Monday, May 11, 2026.

*"If I fail to meet the criteria outlined in this document and become ineligible to participate in any of the senior events and/or the graduation ceremony, I will have the opportunity to appeal that decision with the Senior Appeal Committee."*

A request for an Appeal Hearing must be submitted in writing no later than Tuesday, May 5, 2026. The Appeal Committee will meet Monday May 11, 2026.

The attached 2026 Graduation Pledge is designed to ensure a meaningful and dignified graduation ceremony. We ask you to read it carefully. The Graduation Pledge is a commitment on your part and is required of all seniors participating in the commencement service.

**Please review and sign the back side of this notification and return it to Mrs. Grudin at the end of the Mandatory Senior Meeting (Flex Meeting) or to Mrs. Garrett in the main office.**

# ***El Dorado High School 2026 Senior Class Pledge & Dress Code Notification***

In order to make graduation an experience that the “**Class of 2026**” 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, 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 or turn and wave to the audience.
11. Walk on the stage, receive my diploma with dignity, walk off the stage in a dignified manner and return to my seat.

I fully 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 the principal, and my parents. 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 meaningful ceremony. It is our feeling at El Dorado High School that all seniors should participate in this final ceremony to honor themselves, their teachers, their friends, and their parents as they unite to demonstrate respect and appreciation for the education they have received.

If you have questions regarding suitability of a particular outfit, please check with Mrs. Grudin. Below are definitions of appropriate attire:

**Shoes:** Must match and be clean - appropriate for any dignified ceremony or semi-formal occasions. No flip-flops, athletic/tennis shoes, slippers, etc. Clean, polished boots are acceptable, as are dress sandals. **Please use good judgment.**

**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/skirt, or dress pants are appropriate (no jeans, shorts, or cut-offs.) **Please adhere to the school dress code.** *Remember, this is a formal occasion.*

**NO WRITTEN OR DESIGN MODIFICATIONS TO CAPS AND GOWNS.**

**NO FLOWER LEIS (they damage the artificial turf).**

Your signature below indicates receipt of the conditions stated in this notification.

Student Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Student’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



## El Dorado High School Graduation: Frequently Asked Questions...

### **When is the commencement ceremony?**

The ceremony takes place on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 5:00, rain or shine!

### **Where does it take place?**

The ceremony will take place at El Dorado High School: Bennett Park, Harvey West Memorial Stadium

### **Who participates?**

All graduating seniors and mid-term graduates from the 2025-26 school year are invited to participate if they have attended the graduation meetings, 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 L.A. Brown Gym by 4:00 PM on Thursday, May 21, 2026. You will have a final rundown with the teacher reading your name and you can review pronunciation with your assigned teacher.

### **Where will parents, relatives and friends sit?**

There are two seating areas, white folding chairs on the track and the home grandstands. If you have paid for a stadium seat(s) through athletics, these are reserved for graduation as well. Tickets are not required to view the ceremony.

### **What about handicapped seating/parking areas?**

An area on the track will be provided for those with wheelchairs. Parking in the upper lot by the field will be reserved for handicapped vehicles ONLY.

### **What about general parking?**

There is limited parking around El Dorado High School. The Markham Middle School parking lot will be open. Also, there will be a free shuttle bus from the El Dorado County Fairgrounds off of Placerville Drive starting at 3:45PM. The bus will be making a loop approximately every 15-20 minutes.

### **What about pictures?**

Bill Smith Photography, a professional photography studio, will be taking portraits of each graduate as they receive their diploma. Each graduate will receive a Bill Smith Photography flier at senior check out. There will also be an active link on our school website or <http://billsmithphoto.com>. You can Prepay for your Diploma Portrait online, or turn your order and payment to the photographer at Graduation.

### **What about caps, gowns, and announcements?**

Every graduate must have an El Dorado blue cap, gown, and tassel to participate in the ceremony. These are available for purchase through Herff Jones. The company offers a variety of graduation extras, however, the only mandatory items are the caps, gowns and tassels. Some students choose to borrow a cap and gown and only purchase a tassel. If you just want to purchase a tassel you can do so in the office with Mrs. Garrett for \$10.00. To order graduation gear after January, please

go directly to [Herff Jones website](#). For those who ordered earlier in the year, the caps, gowns, will be distributed **May 6th at lunch**. Our Herff Jones representative is Lori Brazil-Arrington and her email is [lbrazilarrington@herffjones.com](mailto:lbrazilarrington@herffjones.com) if you have any questions.

**What if I have other questions about the commencement ceremony?**

Please contact Administrative Assistant Chrystal Garrett at [cgarrett@eduhd.k12.ca.us](mailto:cgarrett@eduhd.k12.ca.us) 530-622-3634, extension 1025. OR Tara Grudin, Assistant Principal, at [tgrudin@eduhd.k12.ca.us](mailto:tgrudin@eduhd.k12.ca.us).

**What about yearbooks?**

Yearbooks will be distributed the week of May 18th. Yearbooks may be sold out by then, so make sure to order yours now to ensure that you will be able to get one. Go to: <https://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A00747500> to purchase online.

**When and where will the Junior-Senior Prom be held?**

The Junior and Senior Prom is scheduled for Saturday, April 11th at the Serrano Country Club. Remember, Prom is a semi-formal event. Please adhere to the dress code. Gentlemen: Please wear a shirt with a collar; no athletic wear, jeans, or t-shirts. Ladies: Strapless dresses and/or halter top dresses will be allowed, as long as there is ample coverage.

**When is Senior Check Out?**

Is Monday, May 18th in the Small Gym. Counseling will provide you a time the week before your check out appointment.

*Not sure if your dress meets dress code standards? See Mrs. Grudin or Mr. Gatling*