

**Elk Grove Unified School District
Personalized Graduation Attire Adornment Application**

Directions: Complete all highlighted sections below. Submit this form to **Mrs. Shupe in the Vice Principal's Office** no later than **May 1, 2026** Please include a picture of your adornment.

Date:	
Student Name	Student ID:
Item Description (Attach picture):	
Reason/Significance for item:	
Student Signature	Parent/Guardian Signature

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Parameters</u>
		1. Does the item of individual expression require that the graduation cap and/or graduation gown be modified?
		2. Is the item of the personalized graduation attire adornment an item which you cannot take a picture of? If so, please search on the internet for a similar item to include with your request.
		3. Is the personalized graduation attire adornment enhanced by audio, video, light and/or movement?
		4. Is the personalized graduation attire adornment living and/or more than one-dimensional?
		5. Is there evidence to suggest that the personalized graduation attire adornment may incite students to commit unlawful acts on school premises, violate school rules, invade the rights of other students or substantially disrupt the school's orderly operation?
		6. Does the personalized graduation attire adornment contain any expression, words, material or content which are obscene, libelous or slanderous?
		7. Does the personalized graduation attire adornment contain any expression, words, material or content that may incite students to create a clear and present danger of the commission of unlawful acts on school premises, or the violation of school rules?
		8. Does the personalized graduation attire adornment contain any use of "fighting words," including epithets or gestures, or depictions thereof, that the language is abusive and insulting rather than a communication of ideas, and presents an actual danger that will cause a breach of peace?
		9. Does the personalized graduation attire adornment include expression, words, material or content may be discriminatory or harassing to other students, staff, or members of the public based upon the characteristics of protected classes?
		10. Does the personalized graduation attire adornment include expression, words, material or content that infringe upon the rights of other students?

The following portion is to be completed by school officials after examining the photo or actual item of adornment.

Approval or Denial Slip

(You must present this slip upon checking-in at your ceremony)

Student Name:		Student ID:
Item Description:		School Stamp
Approved	Denied	
Reason for Denial:		
School Official Signature		

**Personalized Graduation Attire Adornment
Principal Appeal Form**

Process:

If you answer “yes” to any of the factors above which require additional review by the vice principal, the student shall have the opportunity to appeal the denial and/or present an alternative item for approval prior to the graduation ceremony. The appeal must be filed no later than May 8, 2026.

A student may initiate this appeal at the site level by presenting to the principal the denied pre-graduation approval form attached to this form containing a detailed written statement explaining the justification for the appeal.

If a student or parent/guardian disagrees with the principal’s decision, he/she may appeal the decision to the Director of Secondary Education. It will be necessary to present the item at both levels of appeal.

Directions: Complete all highlighted portions of the form below.

Date:	
Student Name:	Student ID:
Item Description:	
Reason/Significance:	
Stated Reason Attire Adornment Was Denied By School:	
Student/Parent/Guardian Justification for Appeal: (attach additional pages if necessary)	

Student Name:		Student ID:
Item Description:		School Stamp
Approved	Denied	
Reason for Denial:		
Principal Signature		

**Personalized Graduation Attire Adornment
District Appeal Form**

Process:

If a student's item(s) of personal, or individual expression is not authorized by the site principal or designee during the advance review process, the student shall have the opportunity to appeal the decision and/or present an alternative item for review prior to the graduation ceremony, no later than May 15, 2026.

A student may initiate this appeal process at the district level by presenting to the Director of Secondary Education the denied pre-graduation form attached to this form containing a detailed written statement explaining the justification for the appeal.

The decision of the Director of Secondary Education shall be final.

Directions: Complete all highlighted portions of the form below.

Date:	School Site:
Student Name:	Student ID:
Item Description:	
Reason/Significance:	
Reason Attire Adornment Was Denied By School:	
Student/Parent/Guardian Justification for Appeal: (attach additional pages if necessary)	

Student Name:		Student ID:
Item Description:		District Stamp
Approved	Denied	
Reason for Denial:		
District Office Signature		