

Ponderosa High School Senior Pledge Class of 2026

Dear Student and Parent/Guardian

As we have discussed this year, the graduation ceremony for the Class of 2026 is intended to be a dignified and joyous occasion. The following pledge must be signed by all participants and returned to the Administration Office before Friday, May 8 2026. Graduation seats will only be assigned to those who complete and return the form.

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. The Senior Pledge describes both behavior expectations and the appropriate attire that is required. We promote the expression, inclusivity and celebration of achievement as defined through California Education Code. If you have questions regarding the suitability of a particular outfit, please contact the Assistant Principal's Office. **There will be an inspection for proper dress before graduation. If you are not in compliance, you will be asked to correct your attire or you will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony.**

Below are some definitions of appropriate attire. Again, please see your Assistant Principal if you have any questions.

Shoes: Must be clean and appropriate for a dignified ceremony, such as a wedding or dress up dance. Please use good judgment. No flip-flops or slippers; clean/polished boots are acceptable; clean or new athletic shoes are acceptable. **Stiletto heels can be problematic on the field/turf.**

Hair: Clean and neat. Your hair must fit easily under your cap.

Dress: Shirts with collars are appropriate. No t-shirts or cutoffs; no logos or designs whatsoever. A tie is appropriate and highly encouraged but not mandatory; slacks must be full length. A nice dress, slacks or pantsuits would be appropriate. No shorts or bare midriffs.

SENIOR CLASS PLEDGE FOR THE GRADUATION CLASS OF 2026:

I will dress appropriately and wear the cap and gown with dignity throughout the ceremony. I will not adorn/decorate my cap and gown with any inappropriate objects whatsoever.

I will not take objects of any kind, including electronic devices (cell phones or earbuds) into the graduation ceremony. I will submit to an inspection prior to the ceremony.

I will be attentive and behave in a respectful manner at all times.

I will follow all instructions on the march into the stadium. I will walk onto the stage and receive my diploma with dignity. I will walk off the stage and return to my seat in a respectful manner.

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 can be denied all privileges of graduation, I can be removed from the ceremony and the campus immediately and I may receive my diploma only after a conference with the El Dorado Union High School District's Director of Student Services and my parents.

STUDENTS OVER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS OLD MUST STILL HAVE A PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE.

Student Name

Student Signature

Parent or Guardian Signature

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Senior Pledge, please contact the Assistant Principal's Office in the Administration Building.