DIAMOND BAR HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2025



SENIOR COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

Commencement is a very meaningful event for the high school senior. It is a time when family, students, honored guests and faculty share in recognizing an important milestone.

Diamond Bar High School will be honoring our class of 2025 with a Graduation Ceremony for all its students on May 29th, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

Each student will be given 3 free graduation tickets for their guests to attend this event. Students will also be able to purchase additional tickets for \$15 each (CASH ONLY).

While the majority of students acknowledge the importance of a dignified commencement ceremony, they may not fully understand the formal traditions of graduation exercises.

With this as the focus, this booklet has been compiled to assist the graduating senior and parents with the procedures and expectations associated with the overall commencement process.

We trust the enclosed calendar and specific details covering the final weeks of the school year will assist your efforts and further exemplify the high standards which have become part of these traditions over the years.

As for the ceremony, attention will be drawn to the individual and the completion of all requirements for graduation as established by the Board of Education of the Walnut Valley Unified School District and the State of California.

We look forward to joining you in this dignified and respectful celebration of your student's graduation.

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CLASS OF 2025 <u>Class Officers</u> President: Grace Wen Vice President: Ella Davies Secretary/Treasurer: Ariel Shan Historian: Kaitlyn Liu Social Chairperson: Shanna Wu <u>Class Advisors</u> Mrs. Dawn Daza Mrs. Alexis Feix Mrs. Jazmine Silver

Grade Level Coordinators

Mrs. Stephanie Duenas Mr. Morgan Galeener Mrs. Jenna Brummett **Principal** Mr. David Hong **Assistant Principal** Dr. Courtney Corona **Activities Director** Mrs. Janna Van Horn

Expectations for Seniors

In your final months of high school, be sure to make the most of everyday: enjoy the company of fellow students, teachers, and staff members; study to earn the best grades in your high school career; think about the decisions you make. We hope this time is filled with fond memories. To ensure this, please remember the following:

- Finish strong, continue to strive for academic excellence.
- Continue to follow all school rules.
- Be responsible Brahmas.
- Keep your parents and family proud.

YOU HAVE TOO MUCH TO LOSE TO TAKE ANY CHANCES, FINISH STRONG!

Important Details

Late Cap/Gown Purchase \$80.00 Cash. Try on your gown before May 27. If you have any issues with your cap and gown you will need to make sure that you take care of this at the graduation rehearsals.

COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION – May 29, 2025

✓ REPORT TO THE GYM- 5:30pm

Distribution of Diplomas – May 29

Diplomas may be picked up on the north/west side of the football field at the end of the commencement exercises. **Bring I.D.** to receive your diploma. Commencement exercises will begin promptly at **7:00 PM**. Admission is by

Commencement exercises will begin promptly at 7:00 PM. Admission is by ticket only. Seniors will be asked to arrive no later than 5:30 PM. Students are to report to the gym and will be subject to search. Graduates should be dressed in semi-formal attire. The graduation tassel is worn draped over the left front quarter of the cap. Only 2025 Graduates will be allowed in the Gym.

Graduates should bring: Cap/Gown, I.D. Car Keys if they drive **Please bring I.D. to receive a diploma at the end of the ceremony.** Graduates Should **NOT** bring: Cell Phone, Cameras, Electronic Devices, text books

Graduation Tickets

Every senior will be given **3 free tickets** during one of the <u>mandatory</u> Graduation rehearsals. Additional tickets may be purchased in the Activities Office or at the event for \$15 CASH.

Transcript Requests

Seniors who need to send final transcripts to their college/university must do so through <u>www.parchment.com</u>. Final transcripts will not be sent until June 20, 2025. If you have any questions regarding this message, please contact the Registrar's office at 909-594-1405 ext. 33109.

NO SENIORS on Campus May 23 - May 29

No senior is to be on campus except for graduation rehearsal and any events specific to Senior Week. Seniors may be on campus after the school day ends at 3:30 pm to take care of official school business only.

Graduation Marquee Message

If you would like to put a "Congrats" message on the marquee for that special someone grab an envelope from the front office or the Activities Office in the USB room. The messages will cost \$25 cash and the messages will run **from May 24-May 31, 2025.**

Graduation Banner

Seniors wishing to purchase a Graduation Banner to be displayed at the commencement ceremony they may purchase before May 19th, 2025 on the following website.

https://nsignstore.com/dbhs-senior-grad-banner

Banners will be hanging on the fencing around the stadium for graduates and their families to pick up after the graduation Ceremony.

Frequently Asked Questions

How many tickets can my family receive? *Three free* tickets will be given to each senior at the mandatory graduation rehearsal. Additional tickets can be purchased for \$15 in the Activities Office or at the door. Tickets will be available to purchase May 1.

How long will the graduation last? Commencement ceremonies will start at 7:00 PM. and will conclude by approximately 8:30 PM. Doors will open at 5:30.

Are seats reserved at Commencement? No reserving seats. Individuals will be seated on a first come first serve basis. Please be sensitive regarding the saving of seats. No re-entry.

May we take pictures at Commencement? You are invited to take any general pictures of the ceremony from your seat. Please do not attempt to enter the field at any time for the taking of pictures. We will have a professional photographer on site taking pictures of your grad.

Where can the spectators park for the Commencement? Please park in the main lot at DBHS, Pathfinder Road and on Brea Canyon Road. We encourage guests not to park in the surrounding neighborhood because this can cause a lot of congestion. Additional parking off site and shuttles will be available at South Point Middle School.

Will handicapped parking and seating be available? Yes, there will be handicapped parking designated on Brea Canyon Road. You will be assisted from this point to the appropriate seating. Accessible seating will be available for the disabled spectator and one other person.. There is also seating available at the top of the home side bleachers. This seating is limited and will be available on a first come first serve basis.

What time may I enter the stadium for Commencement? Both the home side and guest side of Holmes Memorial Stadium will be open for seating at 5:30 PM with admission by ticket only.

Where can parents and family meet their graduates after the commencement ceremony? Family and friends may meet with their graduates on the field following the ceremony. However, no guest will be permitted on the field for five minutes after the conclusion of the ceremony thus allowing the graduates an opportunity to acknowledge and congratulate each other. NO GRADUATES OR GUESTS ARE TO WEAR HIGH HEELS AS THEY WILL PUNCTURE THE TRACK AND FIELD.

What are students to wear under their gowns at Commencement? Attire for girls will include dresses or skirts and blouses and appropriate dress shoes. Dress for boys will include collared shirts, dress slacks and appropriate footwear (no sandals). NO GRADUATES OR GUESTS ARE TO WEAR HIGH HEELS AS THEY WILL PUNCTURE THE TRACK AND FIELD.

GRADUATION DISTINCTIONS AND HONORS Cord Policy-Students who complete eight consecutive semesters in a single athletics or performing arts curriculum are eligible to purchase a cord. **Sash Policy** - Students that meet the requirements set in place by approved school programs only are eligible for recognition at the end of the year awards. The approved programs include Pathways Academy, Brahma Tech Academy, California Scholarship Federation, and Class Committee. Leis and other gifts may be presented to students after the commencement ceremony. They will not be allowed during the graduation.

Calendar of Events

May 20-22 Senior Finals

May 20 <u>Senior Yearbook Distribution and Signing Party</u> 3:30pm-4:30pm

May 22 THE LAST DAY OF CLASSES FOR SENIORS IS THURSDAY 5/22 Students will not be allowed on campus after this date unless it is for Senior related activities. Please make sure to take care of all school business before this date.

May 23 Senior Breakfast Meet at DBHS at on Friday at 8:30 AM

May 27 <u>Graduation Rehearsal #1</u> MANDATORY All Seniors need to meet in the gym by 8:30 AM for this <u>mandatory</u> graduation rehearsal. Practice will end at approximately 1:00 pm. Senior Picnic will follow.

May 28 <u>Graduation Rehearsal #2</u> MANDATORY All Seniors need to meet in the gym at 8:30 AM for this <u>mandatory</u> graduation rehearsal. Practice will end at approximately 1:00 pm.

May 28 <u>Grad Nite at Disney California Adventure</u> Meet at DBHS on Wednesday at 2:00 pm with *Signed Bus Permission Form* and *School ID*.

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Expectations of the Audience at Commencement Exercises

Remain seated during the entire ceremony and until the program has been concluded.

Please arrive early. **Parking is always a challenge, allow** extra time for parking.

DBHS is a non-smoking facility.

Cooperate with ushers and supervisory faculty personnel.

Keep the railing in front of the audience clear.

Remember that admission is by ticket only.

Please do not bring any noise makers as it distracts from the graduates during the ceremony.

Mylar balloons will not be allowed. Metallic Mylar balloons may damage power lines above campus and cause power outages.

Audience members are not allowed on the field until the ceremony has concluded.

Please do not wear high heeled shoes as it will puncture the track and the field.

Thank you for your cooperation!