

# Graduation Cap Decorating Guidelines

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Please keep these guidelines/rules in mind when decorating your graduation cap. Failure to follow these rules will result in the removal of the cap before the ceremony.

## **It is appropriate to put the following on your cap.**

- Thank a parent, grandparent, teacher, friend
- Recognize the university you will be attending
- your graduation year
- the branch of the military you will be joining

Students, we highly suggest you trace your cap onto cardboard and decorate the cardboard. In case you make a mistake you can start over with a new piece of cardboard. We will not furnish new caps if you mess yours up decorating. After you decorate it, stick it to your cap with double-sided tape or Velcro stickers. Velcro tape can be purchased at any fabric store, Target, Wal-Mart and throughout many CVS and Walgreens stores.

## **Please keep in mind the following restrictions concerning your cap:**

### **All decorations must be in line with our school's mission and vision statement.**

- Cannot contain any political statements (this includes acronyms), advertisement, symbols, abbreviations, initials, words, slogans, patches, or pictures that: Refer to drugs or controlled substances, tobacco, alcohol, or weapons or be of a sexual nature.
- Cannot denote an affiliation with gangs or which advocate drug use, violence, illegal activity, or disruptive behavior which is detrimental to the safety and welfare of other students.
- Cannot be obscene, profane, vulgar, or lewd.
- Cannot include numbers other than the graduation year.
- Cannot threaten the safety and welfare of any person.
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- Cannot make noise. No bells, horns, or anything that makes noise
- Only the flat, top area of the mortar board may be decorated. There may be nothing hanging down or protruding up from any of the sides of the cap.

**Administration will reserve the right to disallow anything that is not considered appropriate for the commencement ceremony.**

