

Dear Parents and Students,

High school graduation marks the culmination of each student's journey from kindergarten to senior year of high school. To honor this occasion, SUSD 30 strives to produce meaningful, memorable, and dignified ceremonies to commemorate the class of 2024! You are invited and encouraged to participate in making these final high school memories.

Provided are important details, expectations, and dates that lead up to and include Commencement Ceremonies. Please read all information carefully. When done, complete the google form linked at the end. This will verify graduation attendance and understanding of expectations.


If you have any questions regarding graduation, or related activities, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

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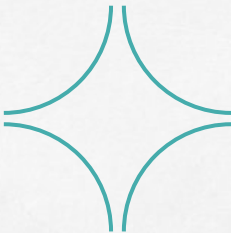


CLASS OF
2024



**Sahuarita Digital Pathways
Academy students will
participate in graduation
events at their school of
residency site.**

**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**



If you are not certain which site is your school of residency, please contact Yesenia Soto at Yesenia.Soto@Sahuarita.net. All other questions can be directed to homeroom teachers or Liz Flores.



Graduation Sites & Dates



*Students will participate in graduation at their school of residency site.

SHS

May 22, 2024

WGHS

May 23, 2024



Seniors, this is the beginning of anything you want!

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Select Sahuarita Digital Pathways
Academy when ordering.

Items will be SDPA colors:
Black Cap & Gown, Teal Stole and
Teal & Black Tassel



Link to order:

<https://rembrandtgrad.com/>

Just Cap, Tassel, Gown and Stole:

<https://rembrandtgrad.com/product/cap-gown-tassel-unit-copy/>

Last date to order:

December 20, 2023

Caps & Gowns



DO NOT order from
Jostens, as we have
not coordinated with
this company.

Caps & Gowns

Caps

Caps will be placed on the head so the mortarboard is level, with the long point of the crown to the back. The front point should be worn down on the forehead. Do not tilt the cap backward or forward. Some students may need bobby pins to hold the cap in place.

Tassels

Tassels are to be worn over the right temple. They should not be altered in any way, and allowed to hang naturally. After closing remarks, graduates will be instructed to move their tassels from the right to left. Wait for the announcement to do so, so everyone is moving their tassel at the same time.

Gowns

Gowns must be worn as issued. Maintaining the look and standardization of gowns and cords reflects pride and dignity of graduation ceremonies. They will be zipped up the front and not modified in any way. Stoles, cords, and medals worn over the gown are provided by SDPA only.

Final Exam Week

- Edgenuity coursework needs to be completed by 11:59pm May 10, 2024, so you are ready for finals in the days that follow.
- Specific finals schedules will be provided during second semester.
- SUSD graduation credit requirements must be met.
- CPR and Civics exam must be completed.
- You cannot participate in graduation ceremonies without completion of all items.





**“If opportunity
doesn’t knock,
build a door.”**

– Milton Berle

College and Career Testing



National ACT - Go to act.org for registration and dates.

National SAT - Go to sat.org for registration and dates.

ASVAB - 8/30/2023 @ SUSD Professional Development Center
Go to www.asvabprogram.com for additional information

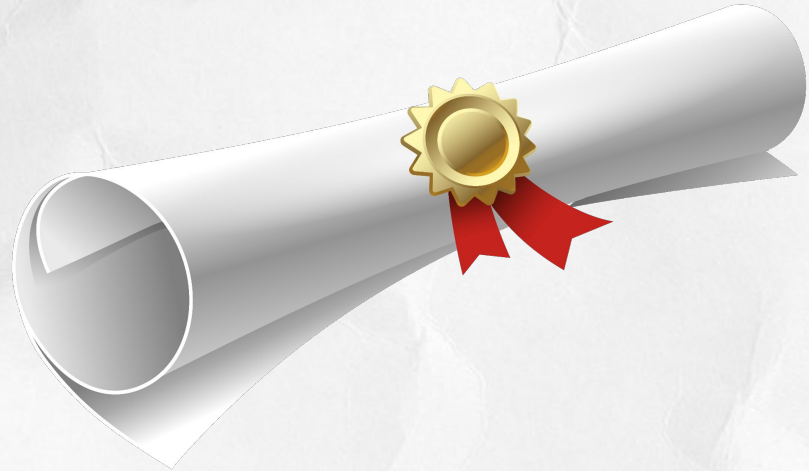
Chromebooks & Balances

- Students who have checked out Chromebooks must schedule to have them returned to E.Morales@Sahuarita.net by 3pm, Friday, May 17, 2024.
- Students with outstanding balances must have them paid in full by the last day of finals in order to participate in graduation ceremonies, Friday, May 17, 2024.
- Contact school of residency offices to pay, or pay online [Sahuarita Unified School District Online Payments \(sUSD30.us\)](#) .



Honors Night

- Invitation only.
- If you are the recipient of a scholarship and/or award, please submit proof of them to Liz Flores, Director of Academic Pathways, either in person or via email EFlores@Sahuarita.net.
- Last date to submit is Friday, April 26, 2024 .
- Recognition will be given at the SUSD Auditorium.
WGHS- May 13, 2024 6pm
SHS- May 16, 2024 6pm



Grounds and Grads

- SDPA

- Friday, May 10, 2024
- 5:00am
- Coffee at sunrise
- Sahuarita Lake Park



Senior Sunset

- WGHS

- Friday, May 17, 2024
- Time TBD
- Football field

- SHS

- Tuesday, May 21, 2024
- 6:30pm
- Football field

Senior Walks



Wear your cap and gown, and walk the halls of your former brick and mortar schools! *You must provide your own transportation.



Senior Walks



SHS

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

7:45 start at SHS

7:50 WRS

8:20 CVES

8:35 ECC

9:00 District Office

9:15 SIS

9:40 SPS

10:00 SMS

*This groups walks the route together.



WGHS

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

9:00am Copper View and ECC

10:30am Continental

1:00pm Anza Trail

*This groups drives to the sites. —

****Times are approximate.**

Class Rank



SDPA recognizes one student who has achieved the distinction of Valedictorian (highest ranking student) and one who has achieved the distinction of Salutatorian (second highest rank). The following criteria must be met:



- Rank is determined using all grades and weight adjustments through the fourth quarter of senior year.
- Final ranking will be calculated after final exams are completed, and students will then be notified.
- Students must maintain full-time academic status with SDPA their senior year as defined by board policy.
- 12 or more credits must be completed at SDPA.
- Valedictorian and Salutatorian will receive an honors medal to wear at graduation.
- Valedictorian and Salutatorian will be given the opportunity to submit a recorded speech for classmates to view on the Hawk's Nest.

Graduation Practices- Mandatory



WGHS

Practice #1

- May 22, 2024
- 8-10am (line up as early as 5am)
- Aux Gym
- Mandatory to participate in graduation

Practice #2

- May 23, 2024
- 8-10am
- Start in Aux gym, and end on field
- Mandatory to participate in graduation



SHS

Practice #1

- May 22, 2024
- 8:30am
- Start in gym, and end on field
- Mandatory to participate in graduation





Graduation

Dress Code

- Semi Formal under gown, choose footwear carefully considering field surface. No casual footwear like flip flops, and slippers will be allowed.
- Students dressed inappropriately may be denied the opportunity to participate in the ceremony.
- Gowns - Delivered in the spring, remember to take them out of the bag and hang them to release wrinkles.
- Cap- Can be tastefully decorated, but must be approved by Liz Flores, Director of Academic Pathways in person.
- Nothing additional/extra is permitted unless issued by SDPA.
- Bags/purses must be stored in vehicles or with family. They are not allowed on the field.





Graduation

Parking

WGHS



- Each grad gets two permits to park on site.
- They will be distributed at Practice #1.
- One pass can be exchanged for a handicap pass.
- Parking without a permit is located at the Pecan Factory Field with a bus shuttle to and from WGHS.

SHS

- Parking is available on site and at the district's admin lot first come first serve.





Graduation



Seating

WGHS

- Each grad gets a minimum of 4 field tickets.
- There will be some field seats for purchase.
- Seating outside of the field (bleachers) is open seating, first come first serve.
- Field seating opens at 5pm.

SHS

- Open seating is first come first serve .





Miscellaneous



Photographs

- Professional photographs will be take of seniors, on stage, as they receive their diploma cover
- Ordering info will be provided in graduation packet available after graduation.

Diplomas

- The cover will be empty.
- Your diploma will be in your graduation packet.
- Graduation packets can be picked up immediately following the ceremony or at the district office on or after May 24, 2024.

Transcripts

- Request transcripts from Yesenia.Soto@Sahuarita.net while a student, or via www.Parchment.com after graduation.





Miscellaneous



In case of inclement weather

- Change of location determination will be made by noon the day of graduation.
- District Auditorium will be alternate site.
- Seating will be limited.

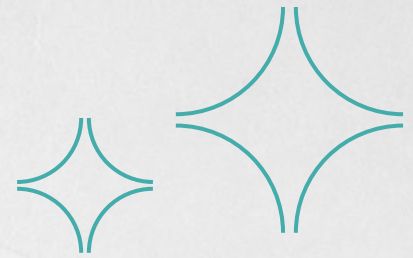
Code of Conduct Violations

- Seniors who violate code of conduct may be denied the opportunity to participate in graduation and related activities.





Senior Reminders



- Look at your transcript and credit check. If you do not have a copy please check with Ms. Anderson - ARE you on track for graduation?
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid FAFSA opens in December! Please fill this out so it is ready to go for any college, university, tech school or program that accepts federal financial aid money. This means federal loans if needed and possibly any Pell Grant money which is free money. Some scholarships require you to have completed your FAFSA application. Go to fafsa.gov
- Check in with Ms. Anderson - megan.anderson@sahuarita.net if you need assistance with applications, FAFSA, or other college and career questions!
- Take your ACT or SAT again if needed and it should be the last time (act.org or sat.org) Most of the AZ schools no longer require a test score but other schools may still require them.
- Search for scholarships! Google is your friend so search and apply! Check out [SHS](#) and [WGHS](#) counseling pages for scholarships too!
- Collect letters of recommendations. You may need those letters for scholarships and college applications. Ask teachers, employers and people that know you the best that are not relatives.
- Make sure your college applications are completed and submitted. You can submit them before you receive your score (if ACT or SAT scores are needed). Most early applications are due in October so pay attention to due dates.
- Stay focused on your grades and maintain or increase your GPA by the end of the year! Better GPA can lead to more scholarship money at some schools!

College Resources

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

fafsa.gov 2023-24 application for possible federal grant and/or loan money.

SCHOLARSHIPS (check your college/university student portal for other scholarships)

SHS Counseling

<https://sites.google.com/view/shscounseling/home>

WGHS Counseling

<https://sites.google.com/sahuarita.net/wghs-counseling/welcome-to-wghs>

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

PCC - pima.edu/apply

UofA - arizona.edu/apply

ASU - asu.edu/apply

NAU - nau.edu/apply



Please complete the Mandatory Confirmation Form below, so we know you are aware of all information, expectations, and requirements. Thank you!

2024 Graduation Information Confirmation Form



Dates to Remember

NOW- Scholarships open and available

October 17, 2023- TCC College & Career Night

December 1, 2023- FAFSA opens

December 20, 2023- Cap and Gown orders due to Rembrandt Grad

April 26, 2024- Scholarship and Award notifications due to Liz Flores

May 10, 2024- Grounds and Grads at sunrise

May 10, 2024- Edgenuity coursework complete

May 13, 2024- WGHS school of residency Honors Night

May 15, 2024- Seniors' Final Exams begin

May 16, 2024- SHS school of residency Honors Night

May 17, 2024- WGHS school of residency Senior Sunset

May 17, 2024- Last day to return Chromebooks

May 17, 2024- Last day to pay fees and fines

May 21, 2024- SHS school of residency Senior Sunset

May 21, 2024- SHS school of residency Senior Walks

May 21, 2024- WGHS school of residency Senior Walks

May 22, 2024- WGHS school of residency Graduation practice

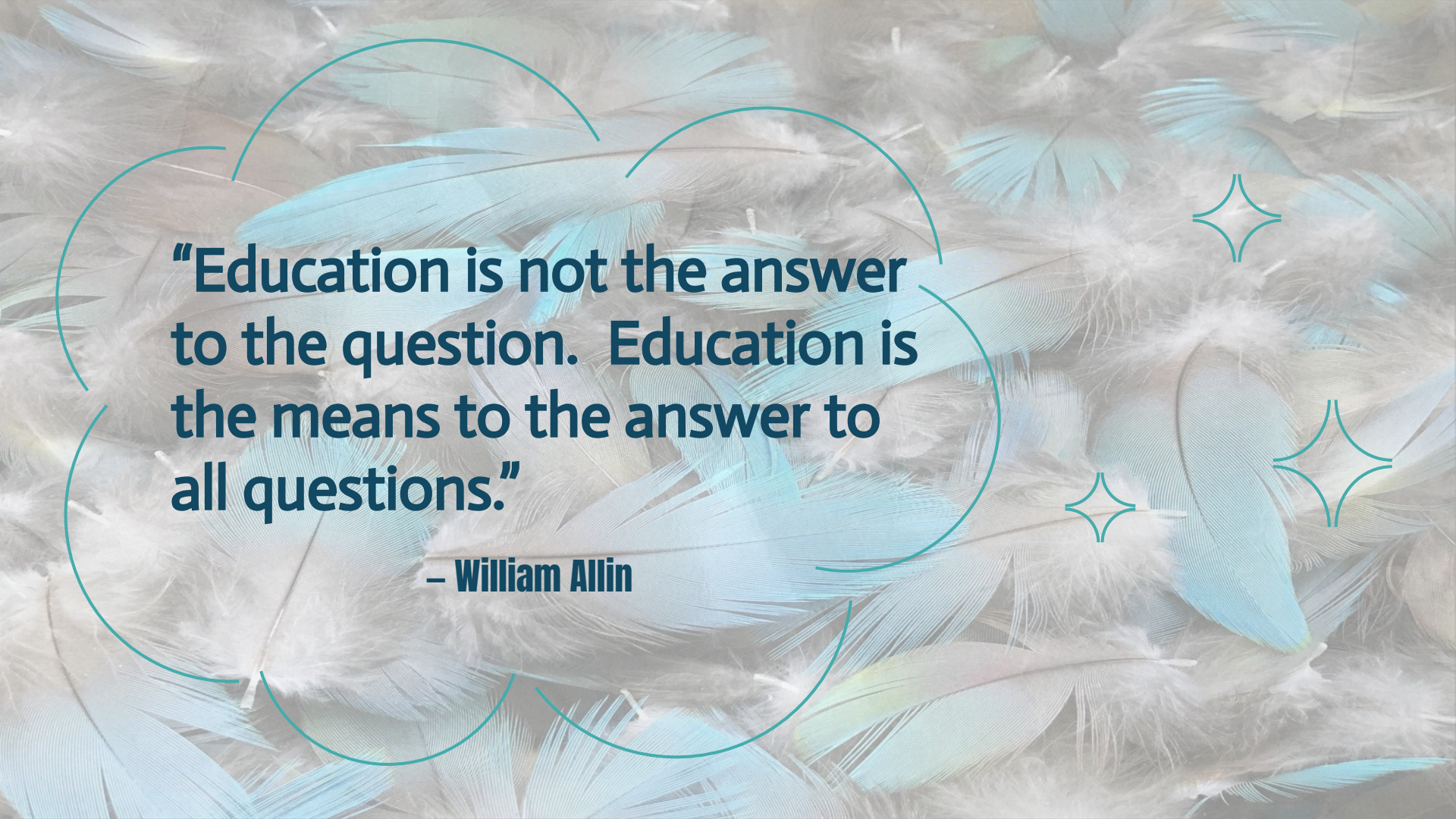
May 22, 2024- SHS school of residency Graduation practice

May 22, 2024- SHS school of residency Graduation ceremony

May 23, 2024- WGHS school of residency Graduation practice

May 23, 2024- WGHS school of residency Graduation ceremony

May 24, 2024- Unclaimed diploma Graduation packets available for pickup at District Office



**“Education is not the answer
to the question. Education is
the means to the answer to
all questions.”**

– William Allin