

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 2025! 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,

*Elizabeth Flores
Director of Academic Pathways
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Class of 2025

**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.

SHS

May 21, 2025 @SHS
7:00 pm



WGHS

May 22, 2025 7:00 pm @WGHS

*May change to May 23, 2025 7:00 pm @Kino Veterans Memorial Stadium

Graduation Sites & Dates

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

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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, 2025**

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.

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 must be worn over gowns. Stoles, cords, and medals worn over the gown are provided by SDPA only.

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.



Caps & Gowns cont'd.

- Edgenuity coursework needs to be completed by 11:59 pm May 9, 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.
- Fees must be paid.
- You cannot participate in graduation ceremonies without completion of all items, payment of fees, and return of Chromebooks.



Final Exam Week



"IF OPPORTUNITY
DOESN'T KNOCK,
BUILD A DOOR."

-Milton Berle

National ACT

Go to act.org for registration and dates.

National SAT

Go to sat.org for registration and dates.

ASVAB

Date TBD@ SUSD Professional Development Center

Go to www.asvabprogram.com for additional information



College and Career Testing

- Students who have checked out Chromebooks must schedule to have them returned to E.Morales@Sahuarita.net by 3pm, Friday, May 16, 2025.
- Students with outstanding balances must have them paid in full by the last day of finals in order to participate in graduation ceremonies. 3pm , Friday, May 16, 2025.
- Contact SHS or WGHS offices to pay, or pay online [Sahuarita Unified School District Online Payments \(sUSD30.us\)](https://sUSD30.us) .



Chromebooks & Fee Balances

- 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 25, 2025 .
- Recognition will be given by SDPA.



Honors Recognition

SDPA

- Friday, May 1, 2025
- 5:00am
- Coffee at sunrise
- Sahuarita Lake Park



Grounds and Grads

- WGHS
 - Friday, May 16, 2025
 - Time TBD
 - Football field

- SHS
 - Monday, May 19, 2025
 - 6:30pm
 - Football field



Senior Sunset



Senior Walks

SHS- Tuesday, May 20, 2025

(This groups walks the route together.)

7:30am 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

WGHS- Tuesday, May 20, 2025

(This groups drives to the sites.)

8:30am Copper View and ECC

11:00 am Continental

1:00pm Anza Trail

*You must provide your own transportation.

*All times are approximate.

Senior Walks cont'd.

Wear your cap and gown, and walk the halls of your former brick and mortar schools!

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 Hawks' Nest.



Class Rank

WGHS

Practice #1

- May 21, 2025
- 8-10am (line up as early as 5am)
- Aux Gym
- Mandatory to participate in graduation

Practice #2

- May 22, 2025
- 8-10:30am
- Start in Aux gym, and end on field
- Mandatory to participate in graduation

SHS

Practice #1

- May 21, 2025
- 9:00am
- Start in gym, and end on field
- Mandatory to participate in graduation



Graduation Practices- Mandatory

- Semi Formal under gown, choose footwear carefully considering field surface. No casual footwear like flip flops, and slippers will be allowed. Heels may pose a challenge on field surfaces.
- 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- Dress Code

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. Please email the WGHS front office, after May 1st, to be put on a waiting list.
- Parking without a permit is located at the Pecan Factory Field with a bus shuttle to and from WGHS. The shuttle begins at 5pm and will end 1 hour after commencement ends.

SHS

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



Graduation- Parking

WGHS

- Each grad gets 4 field tickets for field seating. You must have a filed ticket to get on the field.
- Seating outside of the field (bleachers) is open seating, first come first serve.
- Gates opens at 5pm.

SHS

- Open seating is first come first serve.



Graduation- Seating

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 at the district office after graduation dates.

Transcripts

- Request transcripts from Yesenia.Soto@Sahuarita.net while a student, or via www.Parchment.com after graduation. Please allow at least 24 hours.



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.



Miscellaneous cont'd.

- 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!

Senior Reminders

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

fafsa.gov 2025-26 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/sahuarita.net/shs-counseling/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



College Resources



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

[2025 Graduation Information Confirmation Form](#) (click the link)

Walking at WGHS- school of residency site

- NOW- Scholarships open and available
- December 1, 2024- FAFSA opens
- December 2 2024- FAFSA Night for SDPA Seniors @SHS 6pm
- December 12 2024- FAFSA Night for SDPA Seniors @SHS 6pm
- December 20, 2024- Cap and Gown orders due to Rembrandt Grad
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- May 20, 2025- WGHS school of residency Senior Walks, start at 8:30am
- May 20, 2025- Cap and Gown photo opportunity, 5-6pm District PD Center
- May 21, 2025- WGHS school of residency Graduation practice #1, start at 8am
- May 22, 2025- WGHS school of residency Graduation practice #2, start at 8am
- May 22, 2025- WGHS school of residency Graduation, ceremony at 7pm
- May 23, 2025- Graduation packets, with diplomas, available for pickup at District Office, opens at 7:30am

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Dates to Remember

PLEASE PRINT and SAVE this page.

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

- William Allin

