

Skyline High School *An International Baccalaureate World School*

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Dear Senior Graduation Candidates and Parents:

Skyline High School celebrates graduation with the most formal and distinguished of ceremonies. Teaching staff will attend dressed in gowns which mark their highest earned degree. Granite School District Assistant Superintendent of Educator Support & Development Rick Anthony, and Board Members Julie Jackson and Clarke Nelson, will be podium dignitaries. Enormous effort and coordination are necessary to host Skyline's graduation.

To ensure the dignity of the graduation ceremony and to bring the honor you have earned to yourselves and your families, please be aware of the following expectations that will apply during this special event.

The graduation ceremony will also be streamed online. Go to the Skyline website and click on "Live Events" on June 3, 2021 to get a link to watch graduation online. The link will be posted before the event begins.

Students are not required to attend the formal graduation exercises. Those who choose not to attend may pick up their diplomas starting Monday, June 7, 2021, at the Skyline Main Office after 8:00 a.m.

If students choose to make a mockery of the graduation ceremony by displaying inappropriate, embarrassing, attention-getting, or prankish behavior (e.g.: beach balls, silly string, etc.), the ceremony will stop, and the offending student(s) will be removed from Rio Tinto Stadium and the rest of the ceremony.

Senior Pranks: Any prank that puts the safety of students in jeopardy, or is against the law, may cause the students involved in the prank to forfeit the honor of walking at graduation. These actions may also bring consequences involving law enforcement or other disciplinary proceedings that could affect future endeavors.

A. ADVANCED PREPARATION FOR GRADUATION:

- Caps and Gowns** will be distributed by Jostens on Wednesday, May 19th, during lunch at the Snack Shack (near the Cafeteria) **to seniors who do not have any holds (fees, fines, academic, citizenship, library, or GTI holds)**.
 - Clearance cards will be distributed to all seniors in their English classes on Monday, May 17th & Tuesday, May 18th. Seniors without English classes and Distance Learners may pick up their clearance cards in the Counseling Center.
 - Holdings will be circled in red on the clearance cards. Students with no items circled may exchange their clearance card for their cap and gown on May 19th during lunch. Students with holds will need to check with the person listed on the clearance card (e.g.: Counselor, Bookkeeper, Librarian) to find out how to clear that item. Once an item is cleared, the designated person will sign the card. Once all holds are cleared, the student may pick up their cap and gown.
 - Seniors who do not pick up their caps and gowns on May 19th and have cleared all holds may pick them up at the Snack Shack beginning on Thursday, May 20th during lunch or after school.
- Appropriate to wear under your gown:
 - Lightweight shirts and long pants or lightweight summer clothes (please - no shorts or rolled-up pant legs).
 - Dark shoes and socks are preferred with long pants. Flats or moderately low heels are suggested for safety (please - no tennis shoes, slippers, flip flops, sandals, etc.).
 - Avoid sweaters, suit coats, and heavy clothes because wearing the cap and gown can get very warm.
- We recommend that you check your gown and steam or iron it before the ceremony.
- Caps may not be altered in any way. Caps with any decorations or wording will be removed before the graduation ceremony.
- Come prepared with your own hair pins and safety pins. Most students will require a few bobby pins to hold their caps in place.
- Parents may take pictures before the ceremony. Parents will not be permitted to run to the stage to take pictures. Island Photography will take pictures of graduates as they enter the graduation area and receive their diploma cases. The pictures will be available for parents to purchase on an individual basis. Island Photography will e-mail or mail parents with the proofs so they may purchase the photos.

7. Parents and guests will be seated on the west side of the stadium. There is not a limit to the number of guests that may attend graduation. Students will be seated at the south end of the stadium. Horns, noise makers, and/or confetti during the ceremony are inappropriate.
8. Parking: Rio Tinto Stadium is located at 9256 South State Street, Sandy, Utah 84070. Parking on public streets surrounding the stadium is permitted in designated areas only. Please note that there are neighborhoods adjacent to Rio Tinto Stadium that are posted "No Parking" areas on event days without a valid permit from Sandy City. **A detailed map of parking and directions will be sent out as soon as it becomes available.**
9. Due to the length of the ceremony, we recommend that very young children remain at home. Babysitting services are not available.
10. Honor Cords: students with Academic Honors (overall GPA of 3.5 or higher) and/or Citizenship Honors (overall CPA of 3.5 or higher) may purchase honor cords at the Bookstore after May 19, 2021 at a cost of \$5.00 each. The GPA Honor Cord is gold, and the CPA Honor Cord is white. Cords are worn on top of graduation robes.

B. GRADUATION PRACTICE: Wednesday, June 2nd

9:30 a.m. Graduation Practice – Skyline Auditorium – Mandatory attendance unless AP or IB testing.

C. GRADUATION DAY: Thursday, June 3rd at 6:15 p.m., Rio Tinto Stadium

- 6:15 p.m. Meet inside the gates, in the small parking lot (foot traffic only), on the southwest corner of Rio Tinto Stadium's entrance from Stadium Way, dressed and ready to march. Graduating seniors may enter Stadium Way from 9400 South. Tassels should be on the right side of your cap to start. Carefully and clearly write your name on the index card that will be provided. Jostens will be available for any last-minute help. Final instructions will be given at that time.
- 6:40 p.m. Line up to march. Faculty will lead off the processional.
- 7:00 p.m. March begins.
 ! Walk quietly as you approach the stadium.
 ! Walk through the double line of teachers following the instructions from ushers to find your seats.
 ! Watch carefully so you'll know if you need to begin a new row. Follow directions.

Program:

Listen politely to speeches and entertainment. Applaud appropriately - horns, noise makers and/or confetti are not allowed. Be respectful so each student's name can be heard as it is read.

Rio Tinto Code of Conduct:

All graduates and guests are expected to follow the Major League Soccer Code of Conduct found here: <https://www.rsl.com/matchday/code-conduct>. Anyone who violates any of the provisions in this Code of Conduct may be subject to penalty. Please refer to the Code of Conduct for detailed information.

Rio Tinto Stadium Prohibited Items:

For the comfort and safety of all, the following items are not permitted in Rio Tinto Stadium:

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| ○ Large purses | ○ Remote controlled aircraft (drones) |
| ○ Coolers | ○ Bottles, cans, coolers, containers, and any food or beverage of any kind |
| ○ Briefcases | ○ Noisemakers, plastic horns, air horns, whistles |
| ○ Backpacks of any kind | ○ Pets (with the exception of service animals) |
| ○ Luggage of any kind | ○ Confetti |
| ○ Computer bags | ○ Streamers |
| ○ Camera Bags | ○ Canisters and small punch-hole size confetti |
| ○ Any clear bag larger than 14" x 14" x 6" | ○ Beach balls |
| ○ Weapons of any kind | ○ Any other item deemed to be inappropriate or dangerous by the stadium staff/security |
| ○ Fireworks of any kind | |
| ○ Illegal drugs or harmful chemicals | |
| ○ Any missile or projectile-like object | |
| ○ Signs and/or banners | |
| ○ Aerosol cans or pressurized containers | |
| ○ Professional Camera Equipment | |
| ○ Laser Pointers | |
| ○ Hover Boards | |

Anyone with an item that does not pass security measures will be asked to either take the item back to their vehicle or dispose of it. Bags smaller than 14" x 14" x 6" will be thoroughly searched at the bag inspection area. Rio Tinto Stadium reserves the right to remove guests that do not adhere to stadium guidelines or the Code of Conduct.

Graduation Walk (Receiving Diploma Cover):

1. Watch carefully so you will know when it is time for your row to line up.
2. Please wait quietly and orderly as you will be in full view of the audience.
3. Present your name card to the faculty reader. (If your name is difficult to pronounce, please whisper your name to the faculty reader when you arrive at the table).
4. Walk to one of the District dignitaries when your name is called.
5. Take your diploma case and greet the dignitary who is presenting it to you as instructed.
6. Greet Principal Mitch Nerdin as instructed.
7. Follow instructions to return to the student seating area.
8. Return to the next available seat (this may not be your original seat). Please fill in all empty seats.

After Graduation - Return Gown and Pick Up Diploma:

1. Graduates: Exit in an orderly fashion through the southwest exit, row by row.
2. Return your gown to Jostens at the designated area. Upon turning in your gown, Jostens will give you a receipt. You will need your gown receipt to get your diploma.
3. Turn in your receipt and pick up your diploma and program from the Skyline Counselors next to the gown return area.

Important Notes:

Fees, Fines, and Yearbooks

- Check your student's Skyline account at www.payskyline.us ASAP to make sure that all fees and fines are paid before cap and gown distribution on Wednesday, May 19th.
- A list of all student numbers of those students who have purchased yearbooks will be posted at the Bookstore window on Wednesday, May 12th. Have your student check the list on, or after, May 12th to make sure you have purchased a yearbook if you want one for your student. If you find that you still need to purchase a yearbook, they are available on the webstore for \$55.00.
- Check fees and fines again on Friday, May 28th to ensure that there are no additional textbook fees or fines if your student wants to pick up their yearbook at the End of Year Stomp on Tuesday, June 1st. Students who do not pick up their yearbooks at the End of Year Stomp may pick them up at the Bookstore on June 2nd & 3rd, 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- All fees and fines must be paid by Wednesday, June 2nd.

Final Transcripts

- Make sure to order your student's final transcripts at www.parchment.com. This allows you to see when transcripts are sent and when they are received by the college, university, scholarship, or employer.
 - When you order a transcript through www.parchment.com, there is a red asterisk with the question "When do you want this sent?"
 - Click on the drop down arrow next to "Send Now" and change the option to "Hold for Grades."
 - The Registrar will send the final transcripts through www.parchment.com as soon as final grades are available.
- Please contact Cathy Bird, Registrar, at cbird@graniteschools.org, if you have any questions about final transcripts.

We wish you all happiness and success along with our congratulations upon reaching this important milestone in your life.

Sincerely,
Skyline Administration and Staff