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Graduation will be here before we know it. This letter is intended to help you plan and prepare for graduation and the other activities that are considered part of the senior experience. This letter is not confirmation that your son/daughter will graduate. This letter simply provides information for planning purposes. Any questions you may have as to your student's graduation status should be directed to their counselor in the Guidance Office at 623-478-4600.

GRADUATION – All seniors must meet the State of Arizona and Tolleson Union High School District Board of Education requirements to receive a diploma. All qualifying seniors are encouraged to participate in the graduation ceremony. If a student chooses not to participate in the graduation ceremony, he/she may request to be excused by e-mailing Mr. Johnathan Rosenberger, Assistant Principal at johnathan.rosenberger@tuhsd.org

PARTICIPATION IN GRADUATION CEREMONY - This letter also serves as notification that at any time during the school year if student behavior or choices warrant disciplinary action, students may not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony. A graduation committee is established to review all seniors and their disciplinary records to make the determination as to whether or not a student will be allowed to participate in the ceremony. Exclusion from the graduation ceremony can occur up to the minute students are lining up to receive their diploma. Students involved in any senior pranks on or off campus will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.

GRADUATION CEREMONY DATE AND LOCATION – **Our graduation ceremony will be May 19th at the State Farm Stadium (Cardinals' Stadium) Time: 1pm.** Our ceremony should be completed in less than 90 minutes. Specific instructions for parking and stadium entry and exit will be given to students at Graduation Practice in May (More information below).

GRADUATION CEREMONY - We are planning a very dignified ceremony that you and your family can enjoy and celebrate. Appropriate behavior and dress during the ceremony will be strictly enforced and anyone not displaying proper behavior or dress will be removed from the ceremony. Students who arrive late will be denied participation in the ceremony.

SENIOR BOOKSTORE ACCOUNTS – Seniors must pay all debts in the bookstore prior to participating in graduation practice. The bookstore will be notifying students in writing throughout the semester regarding any debts that exist on their account. Please take care of these debts as soon as possible to eliminate issues as graduation approaches. All debts must be paid by May 8th, 2026.

CAPS AND GOWNS – Caps and gowns should be ordered by students this fall. All graduation products are ordered through Jostens. Jostens will be on campus, April 6th, during both lunches to distribute Cap and Gowns. All ordering and any further questions regarding caps and gowns and other graduation products should be directed to Jostens at www.jostens.com or 602-765-7227. If you have not ordered your Cap and Gown, Order NOW!!!

Jostens will only grant refunds for these products if the student does not graduate or if the student moves. Jostens directly manages refunds.

*If you plan to graduate during the summer- please make sure to purchase your Cap and Gown now.

ATTENDANCE AND TARDIES – Be aware that the accumulation of thirteen unverified absences in a class places a student on Credit Review. Students may then lose credit due to poor attendance, which could result in being credit deficient and not meeting graduation requirements. **Seniors are responsible for their attendance and tardiness throughout the year.**

SENIOR FINALS - Students must attend and complete their finals in order to earn credits for their courses. Counselors will be in contact with students and parents if graduation requirements have not been met. Questions about



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graduation status should be referred to the student's counselor. Questions regarding a student's progress in a particular class should be referred to that teacher.

JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM - The prom will be on April 17th from 7-10pm. This is a formal event, and all students and guests must be dressed appropriately in order to be admitted. Tickets may be pre-purchased at the Westview Bookstore. Tickets will **NOT** be sold at the door. Students wishing to bring a guest who does not attend WHS must fill out a form from the Discipline office **prior** to being approved and added to the guest list. Guests not pre-approved through the Discipline office will not be admitted. **All students and guests must present an ID at the door to be admitted.** WHS administration reserves the right to approve all guests at school events.

GRADUATION PRACTICE- A **mandatory** practice will be held at Westview High School Friday, May 15th, **beginning promptly at 8:00 am in the gymnasium.** No students will be admitted late to practice. Please remember all school rules, including the dress code, will still be enforced and may cause you to be excluded from practice. Students **absolutely must attend the entire practice** to participate in the ceremony.

We understand that a senior year can be a very hectic and exciting time for both students and parents. Please keep this important information as a reference. If at any time you have concerns about whether your student is meeting the qualifications for graduation, we encourage you to call and check with their school counselor.

We look forward to a great graduation filled with memories you and your family will enjoy for years to come.

Sincerely,

Westview High School Knight Nation Administrative Team

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Mr. James Kramer	Assistant Principal
Mr. Carl McBee	Assistant Principal
Mr. Johnathan Rosenberger	Assistant Principal
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Knight Nation School Counselor Information :

Ms. Eddieca Cardoza Letters A-E
Dr. Gabriel Carter 9th grade students
Ms. Cecily Chang (Lead Counselor) Letters P, S-Z
Mr. Peter Nitka (Lead Counselor) Letters F-L
Ms. Bethany Witcher Letters M-O, Q, R