

# WESTVIEW HIGH SCHOOL

*"Excellence From All, For All"*



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Dear WHS Seniors and Parents/Guardians:

It may be hard to believe, but graduation is on the horizon for the Class of 2016. High school graduation is a significant event for our senior students and their families, and we work hard as a school to ensure that it is a dignified and special ceremony, worthy of lifelong memories. Our graduation ceremony is scheduled for **May 18th at 3 pm at the University of Phoenix Stadium**. As the year closes, your senior will receive more specific information regarding the graduation rehearsal and the ceremony. We will post this on our website. This letter is to inform you of our expectations regarding the responsibilities of our TUHSD graduating seniors.

Guidance or administration have met with the seniors four times already this year to review expectations for graduation. In order to participate in the graduation ceremony, students must have completed all of the requirements for graduation as established by the Tolleson Union High School District. Please be sure that you and your student are aware of those requirements and that you are in contact with your student's counselor with any questions. WHS Counselors have completed senior conferences this fall and again in January to review these requirements with your student and help them identify what they need to do to ensure their graduation.

We also expect our students to be positive leaders on our campus at all times. We expect our students to maintain the positive atmosphere on campus and in the classroom up to and including their last days of class, and the ceremony itself. This letter serves as notification that at any time during the school year if a student's behavior or choices warrant disciplinary action, they may not be allowed the privilege of participating in prom or the graduation ceremony. This includes items such as suspensions, senior pranks, ditching school, etc.

We share the common goals of a successful senior year for your student and a graduation ceremony that will be a positive memory for your student and family. Your support and cooperation as part of this process will help us achieve these goals. Please continue to communicate with us to the end of the school year as we partner in your student's high school career.

Sincerely,

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## Graduation 2016 Information

Westview's graduation ceremony is May 18, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. at the University of Phoenix Stadium. We have listed upcoming senior-related dates, senior merchandise vendors, and University of Phoenix Stadium specific information.

March 28 & 29	Cap and Gown Pictures, 7:30am-2:00pm Performing Arts Center Lobby
April 29	Scholarship and Awards Ceremony, 8:00am Gymnasium
May 17	Graduation Check Out* and Practice, 7:30-9:30am WHS Gymnasium Senior Panoramic Photo (Duke Photography)
May 18	GRADUATION, 3:00pm (arrive 2:00pm) University of Phoenix Stadium

### **\*Check Out Reminders:**

- Book Returns: All books must be turned in no later than Monday, May 16 to be cleared to attend practice.
- Debts: All debts, which includes bookstore, cafeteria, or library/media center, need to be cleared no later than Monday, May 16 to attend practice. Check out sheets are available from the guidance office.
- Cap and Gown Distribution: Handed out after practice.

**\* You must attend graduation practice to attend the graduation ceremony.**

### Elite Southwest Balfour

Graduation Merchandise, Cap and Gown, Announcements

10150 N. 67<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 112, Glendale, AZ 85302 \* 623-385-8230 [www.ESBalfour.com](http://www.ESBalfour.com)

### Duke Photography

Yearbook Ads, Senior Pictures, Cap and Gown Pictures

2810 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85007 \* 602-265-2605

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University of Phoenix Stadium  
Handicap ADA Parking and General Information

- At your assigned Gate there is handicap parking for those cars having a handicap hanger/or license plate. Please refer to your map to locate the wheelchair symbol.
  
- There are limited numbers of wheelchairs available to check out at each entry. They are on a first come, first serve basis. You must sign them out and return them to the Gate you entered. Wheelchairs may not leave the inside of the building.
  
- It is suggested that if your guest has trouble walking or needs a wheelchair, getting your own wheelchair for the day is preferred.
  
- For those guests who have difficulty walking, there is a handicap drop off/turn around area in the lot marked "Staff and ADA Parking" area near GATE 2 located off 95th Avenue. You will be allowed to drop off those who cannot walk very far and they may enter Gate 2. You will then need to park in your assigned parking lot and enter your assigned GATE and meet your family member or guest inside at Gate 2 area that is directly across from the North end zone seating area. This drop-off is ONLY for those with difficulty walking or using wheelchairs and an escort.

PLEASE keep in mind this is a very large stadium and walking to the Gate and around to the seating area is a long distance so please plan accordingly. As stated above, providing your own wheelchair is suggested.

# University of Phoenix Stadium

## Prohibited Items List

### Trade Shows, Consumer Shows, Meetings, Graduations

Attendees are reminded that the following items will not be permitted inside the University of Phoenix Stadium. There are no lockers available outside of the stadium to secure items not allowed inside nor can any items be held by security staff members.

- Air horns or other artificial noisemakers
- Alcohol
- Animals (except for service animals)
- Balloons (helium)
- Banners or signs with advertising
- Beach balls
- Beverages other than one factory sealed non-frozen 500ml (16.9 oz.) bottle of water
- Bicycles, skateboards, Segway's, wheelies or roller blades
- Cameras with professional photo lenses (larger than 8"), tripods or monopods
- Clothing deemed obscene or indecent
- Confetti, glitter or streamers
- Containers: Water bottles (metal, glass or other materials) or Canteens
- Coolers of any kind
- Fireworks or sparklers
- Food (except for children under the age of 2 or those with medical condition)
- Illegal drugs
- Silly String
- Smokeless cigarettes
- Weapons--including but not limited to firearms and knives
- Any item deemed inappropriate or hazardous by stadium security