



## SAMMAMISH HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Sammamish Students and Families,

The graduation ceremony is a school sponsored event that has a level of formality. We want this to be fun event but not competitive. We recognize some level of individual expression is appropriate with similarity between all graduates maintained. Through this process SHS administration requires that all students have a cap, gown, and stole for the ceremony. The school has identified several cords for academics and service which can be added if students qualify ([See Honor Cord Information Here](#)).

In addition, students may make two alterations to the standard attire. Students can include one item of culture significance (see guidelines below) and students are allowed to decorate the top of the caps (guidelines below).

**Culturally Significance:** Please limit yourself to one item that has cultural significance to you. The item should hang on the front of the garment or around the neck. It cannot cover the gown. Here are some examples:

- Lei
- Kente stole
- Sarape
- Feather

**Cap Decorating:** Please follow all of these rules while decorating your graduation cap. Failure to follow these rules will result in your cap in a substitute cap for the ceremony:

- Only the flat, top area of the cap may be decorated. Nothing can be hanging off from the sides.
- Decorations must be flat on the surface, 3-D creations are prohibited.
- No blinking lights; no moving parts; nothing battery operated
- Do not use anything that will make noise, no bells, whistles, etc...
- No language that is obscene, profane, vulgar or lewd.
- Nothing that refers to controlled substances, tobacco, alcohol, weapons or are sexual nature.
- Nothing connected to affiliation with gangs or which advocates violence or illegal activity.
- Nothing that threatens the safety or welfare of any person

The following are some examples that are appropriate to put on your cap:

- Thank a parent, grandparent, teacher, or friend
- Recognize the university you will attend
- The year you are graduating
- The branch of the military you will be joining

Thank you for adhering to these requirements. If at any time you have any questions, please contact the school administration.