

PALM HARBOR UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL

5.13 Graduation Requirements: High School

(13) Code of Conduct for High School Graduation:

- (a) It is the intent of the Board to set guidelines for high school graduation ceremonies that will help make graduation a dignified occasion, worthy of the time and effort students and parents have expended to accomplish the goal of students graduating from high school. It is imperative that students, parents, teachers, and school administrators take an active part in implementing this code.
- (b) **Student Rights and Responsibilities:**
 - 1. **Student Rights:**
 - a. Each graduating senior has the right to expect a dignified ceremony, worthy of recognizing the effort that has been applied in achieving graduate status.
 - b. Each graduating senior has the right to be properly recognized before family and friends without interference from any source.
 - 2. **Student Responsibilities:** Students attending graduation ceremonies are expected to fulfill the following responsibilities:
 - a. Students shall abide by all rules of dress and conduct as developed by the school.
Ladies will wear a dress, skirt and top, or dress pants and top. Tops should have a high neckline to cover the V in the front of the gown.
Gentlemen will wear dark-colored dress pants, a white or light-colored shirt, and a tie. All students will wear dress shoes. No sports shoes, thongs, or sandals will be worn. All attire that would disrupt from the ceremony is prohibited. Students will not alter in any manner their caps and gowns nor add anything to the graduation regalia.
Students will not bring into the ceremony or use cameras, sunglasses, purses, cell phones, electronic devices, or any other devices that would detract from the ceremony. All items confiscated will be held until the end of the ceremony. We will not be responsible for lost or stolen items.
 - b. Students shall avoid any behavior that would cause discomfort or embarrassment to any other graduate or the family or friends of a graduate. Any student who demonstrates inappropriate behavior at graduation, whether it is during preparation, marching in, on stage, or proceeding out of the arena will have his/her diploma withheld indefinitely. In addition, any costs to remove such acts from the graduation video will be assessed.
 - c. Students shall follow all directions given by members of the school staff or administration.
- (c) **Student Conduct at Graduation:** All students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that will contribute to the best interests of the graduating class. School authorities have jurisdiction over all students during the graduation ceremonies. The Board's current Code of Student Conduct shall apply to all participants and student spectators attending the graduation ceremonies.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONIES AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL OF THE TERMS OF THE CODE.

Student's Name (**Printed**)

Signature

I will discuss the requirements above with my son/daughter and ensure that they are enforced.

Parent/Guardian Name (**Printed**)

Signature