

# Mountain Vista Graduation Contract

## Behavior Expectations for Graduation

Commencement is a formal dignified ceremony held at the end of each school year. Our graduation will be held on Wednesday, May 22nd, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at Red Rocks Amphitheatre. Seniors who have completed the necessary requirements, are presented by the Principal to the School Board in recognition of their academic achievement.

It is a "rite of passage" that marks the time of moving from being a student to being a young adult. It is an impressive and memorable time for students, parents, teachers, relatives and friends. It is a ceremony that allows all of us to share pride in their accomplishments and to look with optimism to the future.

Walking at graduation is also a privilege. A student's ability to walk at graduation may be revoked per board policy stated below:

### Participation in Graduation Exercises

In order to participate in graduation exercises, a student must demonstrate behavior deemed by the building principal, to be compatible with the district's behavioral expectations.

A student may be denied the privilege of participating in the high school's formal graduation ceremony if, during the semester prior to his/her graduation from a Douglas County high school, he/she has been suspended from school for conduct which:

1. Disrupts or threatens to disrupt the operation of a school;
2. Interferes in any way with the rights and privileges of other students or citizens; or,
3. Endangers the health, safety, or welfare of any person.

Adopted: July 16, 2002

### LEGAL REFS.

C.R.S. 22-1-103 through 22-1-111

### CROSS REF.:

IKE-R, Promotion and Retention of Students

IKFA, Early Graduation

JECBA, ADMISSION OF FOREIGN STUDENTS

Douglas County School District Re. 1, Castle Rock, Colorado

Attendance at commencement is encouraged but not required. Events including prom, senior activity day and senior breakfast are planned so that seniors can enjoy their friends in a more informal situation, leaving commencement a proper, formal and dignified ceremony.

Problems in the past with student and spectator behavior during commencement have led to the following standards and behavioral expectations:

1. Seniors will be checked for proper attire (long pants and collared shirt for guys, dress pants, skirts or dresses for girls) prior to boarding the bus at MVHS and again as seniors line up for the processional at Red Rocks. Graduates should wear, without alteration, the designated cap and gown (i.e. cap should not be decorated, leis cannot be worn). Students who are not appropriately dressed will not be allowed to participate in the commencement ceremony.
2. Students coming to commencement under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be allowed to participate in the commencement ceremony.
3. Students bringing objects (beach balls, cowbells, air horns, etc.) or creating a disturbance, that disrupts the formal ceremony will be removed from the ceremony and will not be allowed to complete it. This will include the acceptance of their diploma. A mandatory meeting with Mr. Weaver, parent/guardian and the student will be held the following week to discuss the disruption. The student's diploma may be withheld until a later date.

**Mountain Vista would like to thank the parents of our students for your work and support over the years. We appreciate all the efforts and sacrifices you have made so that your son/daughter can reach this culminating recognition ceremony.**

We have reviewed and agree to abide by the behavioral expectations presented in this letter in order to participate in commencement:

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Student (print name)

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Parent (print name)

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Student Signature

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Parent Signature

**Please complete this form and return it to Ms. Tudor in the main office  
by Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**