

Saddleback High School



Senior Bulletin Class of 2024



Academics

You must meet the Santa Ana Unified School District graduation requirements to participate in the commencement ceremony. Please see your counselor if you have any questions regarding your academic status.

Alcohol/Drugs

Please remember that the end of your high school career is also the beginning of your journey in life. Do not make the mistake of becoming influenced by others to consume alcohol and/or drugs. Any student who is under the influence or in possession of alcohol and/or drugs at any school-related functions will be recommended for expulsion. If you are suspended before graduation, you will NOT participate in the ceremony.

Absences/Tardies

Attend all classes because good attendance is one of the best ways to help you succeed. All unexcused absences can lead to losing some or all senior activities.

ALL SENIOR ACTIVITIES SALES ARE FINAL! NO REFUNDS.

Senior Package

Includes hoodies, yearbook, Sadies (March 16), and Prom (May 4) is currently \$235. This price will stand firm and will not change. Currently you will be saving \$25. Prices will go up as we get closer to the event dates.

Class Reunions

The first reunion for the Class of 2024 will be in 2034. The Senior Class President will form a committee to plan the reunion. Alumni will be contacted when plans are made. Please make sure Saddleback High School has your family's address. Reunions are typically held every five to ten years. For further information in the future, please visit GreatReunions.com (800-655-7971) or the Saddleback High School website.

Yearbooks

Yearbooks are currently on sale for \$95 with your ASB card and \$100 without in the Student Activities Office room 148 (limited supply). Cash and Money Orders only. They are also available on Jostens.com. Yearbooks are expected to arrive by mid-May.

Awards Ceremonies

The District Top 100 Ceremony will be held in May 2024 by invitation only. Saddleback Department Awards will be held on **Friday, April 26, 2024** at 6:00 PM. Check-in/Reception will be at 5:00-5:45.

Awards - Dress Code

For all students participating in any award ceremony, some basic rules must be followed at each event.

- Proper attire for gentlemen will be a dress shirt, dress pants (slacks), tie, socks, and dress shoes.
- Proper attire for ladies will be a dress, blouse/skirt, blouse/dress pants, and dress shoes.
- Please do not bring flowers, balloons, or presents with you or your family.

Athletic footwear will not be permitted.

Senior Clearance Cards

Senior Clearance Cards will be distributed **the week of May 13, 2024**. Clearance Cards will be picked up from the Student Activities Office (room 148), signed entirely and returned to the Student Relations Office (front office) by **Friday, May 24, 2024, at 3:30 PM**.

Senior Final Examination Schedule

Finals will be from Monday, May 20, 2024 to Thursday, May 23, 2024. Finals Schedule will be announced in May.

Senior Activities Schedule

Prom

Saturday May 4, 2024

- Prom will be held from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM at Coto De Caza Country Club.
- Students and parents are responsible for their transportation to and from the event.
- Each student must fill out a dance contract to be able to purchase their ticket. This is a Junior/Senior Prom. Underclassmen are allowed to attend if invited by a Junior or Senior.

Grad Night

To be Announced

Thursday, May 23rd

This is a regular day for seniors. All seniors must report to all classes. This is also the final day to turn in books/Chromebooks; complete clearance cards will be turned in to the activities office by May 24th.

Friday, May 24th Mandatory Event

Senior Sunset will be held on the Field from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Seniors **MUST** attend this event and be on time. The final list of graduates will be posted. Seniors will receive cap and gowns, commencement ceremony tickets, yearbooks, and last-minute awards. Attendance will be taken, and other senior activities will be held.

Tuesday, May 28th Commencement Practice

Commencement practice is mandatory for all graduating seniors who plan to participate in the commencement ceremony. Students should begin arriving to Saddleback no later than 12:00 PM. Commencement practice will begin promptly at 12:30 PM.

Wednesday, May 29th Commencement Ceremony

The commencement ceremony will be at Saddleback Stadium TBD. All state and district graduation requirements must be met to participate in the commencement ceremony.

- Diploma requirements are subject to change as mandated by the State Education Code and/or SAUSD Board Policies.
- Disciplinary action by school administration could exclude a student from participating in the commencement ceremony and senior activities even if all graduation requirements have been met.
- Seniors are expected to know Saddleback High School's Alma Mater, the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Star Spangled Banner for the commencement ceremony.
- All graduation ceremony guests **MUST** have a ticket.

Awards

The following are the ONLY awards allowed to be worn during commencement:

- CSF
- NHS
- Seal of Bi-literacy
- ASB
- AVID
- Key Club
- PLTW
- IB
- Any awards/medals earned at the SHS award's nights.

California Scholarship Federation (CSF)

Students who earn four or more semesters of membership in CSF (with at least one semester during their senior year) qualify for Life Membership in CSF and are eligible to wear the CSF stole and pin during the Commencement Ceremony. They will also have the CSF Seal embossed on their diploma. Students will receive their stole at the Senior Awards Night.

No other medal or stole may be worn unless specifically approved by administration.

Students who earn the Golden State Merit Diploma will have a seal affixed to their diploma

Caps and Gowns

Each graduate must wear a cap and gown during the commencement ceremony. Listen to the announcements for the next date that Jostens will be on campus. Students will purchase their caps and gowns. Caps and gowns are your property and must not be returned to the school or Jostens.

- If you miss all of the Jostens school visits and need to make a last-minute purchase, you can contact Jostens directly at (714) 751-0260
- Jostens address is 384 Clinton Unit B, Costa Mesa, CA 92626
- Hours of operation are Monday-Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM.
- We also provide "loaner" caps and gowns if needed. Please see admin if you need one.
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Commencement - Dress Code

Ladies should wear a suit or dress and dress shoes. **High heels and/or spiked heels are NOT allowed to prevent falls, injuries, or damage to the field.** Men should wear dress pants/trousers/slacks, dress shoes, socks, and a shirt with a collar and tie.

- Only approved tassels, honor stoles, medallions, etc., may be worn.
- Students who are NOT dressed appropriately will not be allowed to participate in or attend the Commencement Ceremony.

Prohibited Items:

- Athletic shoes, sandals, flip-flops, **high heels**, bare feet
- Denim pants/jeans, shorts, t-shirts
- **We encourage you to decorate your caps as long as they are school-appropriate. Any student wearing a cap decorated inappropriately will be given a plain cap to borrow for the ceremony.**

Commencement - Prohibited Items

Do not bring anything with you to the ceremony. All graduating seniors will be checked for inappropriate items at the stadium entrance. If anything inappropriate is found, it will be confiscated, and you will lose the privilege of participating and attending the commencement ceremony. Inappropriate items include, but are not limited to:

- iPods
- purses
- make-up/cosmetics
- air horns, beach balls, balloons, confetti, noisemakers, etc.
- gum

Commencement - Behavior

School officials will remove any student or guest who distracts from the dignity of the ceremony. Any student under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony.

Commencement - Guest Rules

In order to make this a pleasant event for all guests, please inform your friends and family that they are not to bring any outside food, noise makers, confetti, or other disruptive party items to the commencement ceremony. In addition, **signs and balloons are not allowed because they block the view for guests.** Therefore, individuals who bring balloons or signs to the stadium will not be allowed to enter the stands with them and will have to leave them outside.

Diplomas

Diplomas are issued to all graduating seniors who have:

- completed all academic requirements
- been cleared by the Athletics Office (all uniforms turned in)
- been cleared by the Activities Office and turned in their Senior Clearance Cards
- Diplomas will be distributed on Monday, June, 5th, from 8:00 – 12:00 PM
- Location: Room 700, The Nest. (Students must have a school ID card)

Friday, May 31st

Distribution of Diplomas 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: Room 700, The Nest. (Student must have their school ID card)