

Pacific Law Academy



“CLASS OF 2023”



Graduation Information
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PACIFIC LAW ACADEMY
PUBLIC CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL
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Dear Graduates and Parents:

The information in this packet should be helpful in planning for the remainder of the school year.

It is important to remember that even though we are approaching the end of school, in an effort to provide a positive, safe, and healthy experience for everyone, rules are in full force. This graduation packet fully details the important procedural information for the graduation ceremony. Please go through carefully so that any potential problems can be avoided.

Thank you for your involvement and your support of Pacific Law Academy Public Charter High School. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call either Mr. Jorgensen, Interim Principal, at 933-7475 ext. 8701 or Mrs. Tomlin, Guidance Counselor, at 209-933-7475, ext. 8716.

Sincerely,

Kraig Jorgensen

Interim Principal
Pacific Law Academy

PACIFIC LAW ACADEMY
PUBLIC CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL
CODE OF CONDUCT FOR GRADUATION

REVIEW CAREFULLY

1. Graduates will be free of the influence and possession of drugs and alcohol during the commencement exercises.
2. Graduates' behavior will be such as not to distract from the program. Behavior which would be considered unacceptable includes but is not limited to:
 - A. Shouting or yelling during the commencement exercise.
 - B. Leaving one's seat except when receiving diploma.
 - C. Moving toward the audience and embracing friends and relatives during the ceremony.
 - D. Waiting for the next graduate or several graduates before returning to one's seat after receiving diploma.
 - E. Throwing of any objects.
 - F. Making derogatory hand or arm gestures during the program.
 - G. Wearing the regalia of graduation, the cap and gown, in an inappropriate manner.
 - H. Wearing any placards, buttons, flower leis, unauthorized medallions, or signs inappropriate to the occasion.
 - I. Carrying of any object including handbags and cell phones.

STUDENTS WHO DO NOT COMPLY WITH THIS CODE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

There will be a "checkpoint" for all graduates. Improper dress or evidence of the graduate's inability to conduct himself/herself in an acceptable manner will result in the graduate being removed from the lineup and he/she **will not** participate in the ceremony.

If the commencement exercises are in progress when the infraction occurs, the graduate will be removed from the theater.

We further request that those spectators in attendance help us model the dignity this event deserves through your cooperation and refraining from bringing noisemakers and other items that detract from the ceremony. **There will be no outside items allowed at the Faye Spanos Concert Hall such as flowers, balloons, leis, etc.**

PLEASE KEEP THIS INFORMATION-VERY IMPORTANT FOR POTENTIAL GRADUATES AND THEIR PARENTS:

GRADUATION: The Pacific Law Academy Charter High School graduation ceremony is **Wednesday May 25, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. (5:00 p.m. doors open / student line up) at Faye Spanos Concert Hall.** Tickets are necessary for admission to the graduation ceremony. **Fifteen (15) tickets will be provided to each graduate at graduation practice. Only those with tickets will be admitted to the ceremony.**

GRADUATION CAPS, AND GOWNS: Caps and gowns will be distributed May 16, 2022 **to students who have paid all past due bills and/or returned outstanding textbooks.** Students will **not** exchange their gowns for their official diploma. **You must have a cap and gown to participate in the graduation ceremony.**

GRADUATION PRACTICE: Will be held **Wednesday, May 25, 2023 from 9:00 a.m.-10:30 p.m.** at Stagg HS Theater. Students are responsible for their own transportation to PLA for practice. This practice is **mandatory** for all seniors who plan to walk in the ceremony. Emergency exceptions must be cleared in advance by Mrs. Tomlin, school counselor. Those who choose not to attend practice **will not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony.** Seniors who work must make arrangements with their employers so they can attend practice. Yearbooks are not allowed at practice. If they are observed, they will be confiscated.

GRADUATION DRESS CODE: The following apparel will not be allowed in the graduation ceremony: shorts, jeans, sandals (dress sandals for women are appropriate), T-shirts or tank tops (men must wear collared shirts. There will be an inspection of student dress before the ceremony and students not complying with the specific dress code will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony.

BOOKS: All books, including textbooks, must be returned to the School Secretary, Roxanne Platt by **4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 22, 2023.** Failure to return books or pay for lost books will result in your diploma being held until the fee is paid.

MONEY OWED: Bills must be cleared on or before **4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 22, 2023,** or your diploma will not be distributed. Please contact Mrs. Roxanne Platt for textbook bills at 933-7475 ext. 8701.

TASSELS: Tassels are to be worn on the **right side of your mortarboard** when you enter Faye Spanos Concert Hall to be seated, the tassel are to remain on the **right side** until the tassel turning portion of the ceremony.

DIPLOMAS: Diplomas will be distributed on graduation day May 25, 2023 **after** the ceremony. Diplomas will **not** be distributed to students who owe books, chrome books, and all fines to the school until the outstanding bill is cleared and/or materials are returned to the school. We ask that **only** students come to the diploma table.

Graduation continued:

TRANSCRIPT: Order your final transcripts from the Mrs. Roxanne Platt. *Final official transcripts can be picked up on Thursday, June 8th, 2023 from 8:30am to 1pm.* These must be picked up by either the graduating senior or a parent/ guardian.

REPORT CARDS: Second semester report cards will be mailed home June 7, 2023. Please report discrepancies or errors to Mrs. Platt **immediately** before they go on your final transcript.

PARKING: Parents and students will park at Faye Spanos Concert Hall (**3601 Pacific Ave Stockton, CA 95211**). Families and Graduates are free to take pictures around campus near Faye Spanos Concert Hall. Students will meet in the courtyard directly behind Faye Spanos at 5:00 pm. Faye Spanos will open doors at 5:00pm for Guest to be seated. Seat location in open. ***Please allow time to find parking.**

DISCIPLINE: Seniors who are disciplined for any act resulting in **SUSPENSION** during the final week of school will be excluded from participating in the graduation ceremony.

Additional questions regarding graduation may be directed to Mr. Jorgensen at 933-7475 ext. 8701 or Mrs. Tomlin at 933-7475, ext. 8716.

PACIFIC LAW ACADEMY
PUBLIC CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CONTRACT
2022

Name _____ I.D.# _____
Last (please print) First Middle Initial

All students who complete the Stockton Unified School District’s Board of Education requirements for graduation are invited to join us in the graduation ceremony held at the University of the Pacific, Faye Spanos Concert Hall. (3601 Pacific Ave Stockton, CA 95211)

The graduation ceremony will provide a program of both reflective and celebratory moments all focused on the class and its accomplishments. Graduates and their guests are expected to take seriously *each senior’s moment* as they receive their diploma. Likewise, it is anticipated each person in attendance will be attentive to speakers and recipients.

In order to provide for proper decorum and for each family’s enjoyment of the program in its entirety, the following guidelines must be observed and will be enforced:

- Underneath the gown students must wear appropriate formal daytime attire:
The following items are not acceptable regardless of color, style, newness, or cost: jeans, athletic shoes, flip flops, shorts, bathing suits, t-shirts or tank tops. Any senior who has a question about appropriate dress should contact Mr. Jorgensen or Mrs. Tomlin. Proper dress will be checked as you line up for the ceremony. Any senior dressed inappropriately will be sent home to change. Sunglasses are not to be worn during any part of practice or ceremony.
- Graduates must wear a cap and gown. Nothing may be affixed to the caps other than the regular tassel; nothing may be affixed to the gown. **Only items awarded by PLA may be worn with your gown.** No lei’s of any type will be allowed. The gown should be pressed.
- It is highly recommended that no purses be brought to the ceremony. There will not be any provisions made for storing purses or other valuable belongings during the ceremony; please do not bring them. You may not carry any object during the ceremony.
- All school, district and state regulations regarding alcohol, tobacco, drugs and fireworks will be enforced in order to ensure the safety of graduates and their guests. Horns, whistles, or any other noise-making devices will not be allowed to be used in the venue. No balloons will be allowed into the venue.
- All obligations such as textbooks, bills, fines, etc., must be **paid and cleared prior to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 22, 2023** to receive your diploma.
- GRADUATION APPAREL is not to be altered in anyway.**

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I understand that I am expected to conduct myself in a dignified manner. My participation in graduation is optional and is a privilege, not a right. I understand and agree to the guidelines as described above.

Graduate: _____
Student Signature

Date: _____

Parent Signature _____

Date: _____

Return this form to Mrs. Roxanne Platt by Friday, May 5, 2023. All books must be returned, fines paid and this form signed by May 20, 2022, or you may not be allowed to walk in the graduation ceremony.