



Spring, 2023

Dear Parents and Class of 2023 Graduates:

Barry Goldwater High School will be holding our graduation ceremony at the **State Farm Stadium on May 18, 2023 @ 1:30 p.m.** **There are NO tickets and no limit on numbers of guests.** We are providing the following rules and suggestions in order to conduct a smooth and dignified graduation. We ask that you review these guidelines as we must adhere to them in order for the ceremony to meet stadium and state requirements.

Please keep this list for reference:

- A graduation rehearsal meeting will be held on May 2nd during advisory (9:27 a.m.) in the BGHS auditorium. Graduates do not go to the stadium to rehearse. For any off campus graduates, please plan to attend this meeting. Check in at the front desk to receive a pass to the auditorium. If any graduate is absent from the meeting, a summary sheet will be available for pick up in the front office.
- All graduates will be required to go through senior checkout on May 16th. Prior to checkout, **seniors must have cleared any debts in the bookstore, media center, cafeteria and returned any books. This should all be done by May 15th. This will expedite checkout. At checkout, graduates will return their Chrome books. If any monies are still owed, they must be paid in cash at that time.** Graduates will be given their **DIPLOMA** and a parking map to the stadium and any other items. *If a graduate does not attend graduation, they may pick up their diploma **cover** at BGHS after May 18th.
- Graduation will be at the State Farm Stadium on **May 18th @ 1:30 p.m.** Graduates should be at the Stadium by **12:30 p.m.**
- It is suggested that parents plan to drive to the stadium with the graduate. We have been assigned the **EAST** parking lot and our entrance for parents and graduates will be **GATE 3. A parking map with directions for both general and handicapped parking** will be posted on our website and the DVUSD website. Graduates will also receive a copy at senior checkout. Doors will open at 12:30 p.m.

******Graduates and their supporters will be subject to security screening and an inspection of all bags prior to entering State Farm Stadium. Magnetometers will be used to screen for dense metals for all those entering stadium Access Control Points. If a guest does not feel comfortable with the metal detector screening due to medical reasons, a physical pat-down will be conducted instead.***

GRADUATE PROCESS

- Graduates should **WEAR their CAP** and **must carry their gowns into the Stadium. After being checked in, they can put on their gown. Restrooms are limited so come ceremony ready.**
- Graduates will be guided to enter the building at the same gate as their guests after going through the magnetometers.
- At the gate, the students will have a separate entrance to check in with their school officials.
- Once inside, the graduate will proceed down the instructed set of stairs to the stadium floor.
- The show floor will have a mirrored set of chairs as the waiting area.
- The graduates will go to their assigned seat.
- Once the graduation begins, the students will walk along the stadium east or west walls as they proceed to the north side of the floor to be seated.
- Upon the conclusion of graduation, students will be instructed to exit the same stairwell entered.
- Students and guests will be asked to refrain from congregating outside the stadium.

ATTENDEE PROCESS

- Guests will be asked to park in the GATE 3 parking lot. A MAP will be posted on the BG website.
- Guests will enter Gate 3 after going through the magnetometers.
- Guests may choose their seats anywhere between Section 113-125.
- ADA seating is available for handicapped guests. Wheelchairs can be checked out inside the stadium.
- Once the graduation has ended, the guests will be instructed to exit at the same gate they entered.
- Graduates and guests will be asked to refrain from congregating outside the stadium.

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GRADUATE STAGING, VIDEO AND PHOTOGRAPHY

- Graduates will be seated on the main floor of the stadium in alphabetical order A-Z alternating sides of the middle aisle. Names will be read alternating left side, right side. ****Graduate names will be read according to their diploma name. If a graduate wants to shorten their name or eliminate their middle name, that is fine. They will tell the name reader when they go on stage. BUT IF A GRADUATE wants a different name read, they must have parent approval given to administration. Please email their senior counselor with this permission.**
- Guests will be seated in the audience stands in the north end zone section. No guests will be allowed on the floor of the stadium.
- The audience stands as the graduates enter and remains standing through the presentation of colors, national anthem, and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- An official photographer will be taking pictures of all graduates receiving their diplomas. Picture Ordering: Grads Photography needs you to register your graduate in order for them to send you the graduation photographs to proof and purchase. This is of course optional. The information is posted on the BGHS website under graduation information-graduation photography. **We also ask that you not leave your seat to take pictures.** This policy is a courtesy to the other spectators and will be enforced by stadium security
- **The stadium will video/stream the ceremony. Handheld video cameras will be allowed; but the stadium does not allow video camera stands.** (Streaming information will be posted on the website closer to the event.)

GRADUATE & AUDIENCE DRESS AND DECORUM

- Men graduates should wear dress slacks, socks and shoes, a dress shirt with a collar. Ties are preferred.
- Female graduates should wear dresses, skirts or dress slacks with a dress shirt/blouse. Please be cautious in choice of shoes. Floor length dresses are discouraged.
- Purses/Cell phones should not be carried by graduates during the ceremony. Please leave them with family or friends.
- All graduates need to remember that graduation is dignified, formal occasion. Appropriate, dignified behavior is expected.
- **GRADUATES SHOULD WEAR THEIR CAP AND CARRY THEIR GOWN INTO THE STADIUM.**
- **Caps and Gowns may not be decorated.** Tassels will be worn on the right side of the cap.
- **See below for approved regalia.**
 - Graduates will wear school approved cap, tassel, medallion and gown without alterations or additional decoration. Corsages, wrist corsages, boutonnieres or leis may not be worn on top of gowns.
 - School administration may approve graduates to wear additional regalia that meet the following criteria:
 - Awarded by an organization with academic association affiliated with a DVUSD high school
 - Awarded by an organization associated with a national honor society which has a minimum
 - GPA requirement or some other academic criteria
 - Stole provided by the school for the senior officers of the student government body of the school designating their position of office
 - Medallion provided by the school for the students in top 1% of the graduating class
 - Provided by a United States military branch
 - ***No other regalia may be worn over the graduation gowns.***
- Spectators must be appropriately dressed for admission to the graduation. This is a special event.
- There are certain expectations for audience behavior. **The stadium and Deer Valley Unified School District will not allow items such as noise makers, air horns, beach balls, helium balloons, posters, aerosol cans, beverage containers, glass containers or vases, coolers, laser pointers, smokeless cigarettes, drones, selfie sticks or any other items that will be a disruption to the ceremony in the facility. This applies to graduates, parents, and guests.** A complete list is posted on both the BGHS website and the district website. The stadium will strictly enforce checking for these prohibited items.
- Following the closing, graduates and guests will exit **GATE 3**. All participants and spectators must vacate the facility immediately as another graduation follows. **PLEASE** do not congregate in front of GATE 3. Due to social distancing guidelines, you must exit to your vehicles immediately.

We are hoping that everyone will help make this ceremony special for our Class of 2023. Graduation is a momentous occasion, and we want the decorum to make it memorable for years to come. Thank you for your continued and phenomenal support of Barry Goldwater High School.

Sincerely,



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