



# Alta High School

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Dear Graduate and Parents:

This letter is to inform you of a few details concerning our commencement procedures. We ask that both the **student** and **parent** sit down for a few minutes together to review and plan for this important event. It is very important that each student has their credits in order. If you have any questions concerning your student's credits or graduation status, please call your student's counselor between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at 801-826-5620.

## 1. Date, Time, and Location:

Graduation will be held in the **Utah Valley University UCCU Center** on **Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** Please **ARRIVE EARLY!** The UCCU Center has a **No Bag or Clear Bag policy.**

## 2. Seating:

Due to ample seating, tickets are not required. Guests must be seated by 9:45 a.m. Graduates will march into the arena promptly at 10:00 a.m. Once seated, guests should remain seated until the program has concluded. All seating is in chairs with back supports and every seat has a good view of the stage area. The building is handicap accessible. Bringing infants and small children is discouraged.

## 4. Rehearsal:

All seniors planning to participate in the graduation ceremony **must** attend the **rehearsal** scheduled for **Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 a.m., at Alta High School in the Performing Arts Center.** This is the only rehearsal and attendance is **mandatory.**

## 5. Caps and Gowns:

Jostens will be at the school to hand out caps and gowns during both lunches on **Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.** **Caps and gowns will be held by the administration if a student has any outstanding fines or if they are credit-deficient.** Caps and gowns not picked up from Jostens on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, may be picked up from the Main Office any time after that date **IF** the cap and gown was ordered **AND** paid in full, **IF** fines are cleared, and **IF** credits are not deficient. If a cap and gown has not been ordered, please go online to **Jostens.com** immediately or call **1-800-Jostens.** The Black and Silver Stole must be returned at the Utah Valley University UCCU Center **before** diplomas will be issued.

## 6. Appropriate Dress:

All graduation gowns are black with silver accents. Wearing these gowns represents a symbol of unity for the graduating Class of 2026. Please make sure the gown is pressed. Graduates are to wear appropriate attire under their graduation gowns. **Please refer to Canyons School District policy 500.02-11, Point 5. School Dress and Grooming - Graduation (<https://www.canyonsdistrict.org/policies/student/expectations-protections/500-2/>)**

## 7. Diplomas:

Diplomas may be picked up at the **Utah Valley University UCCU Center** immediately following commencement exercises and after the Alta Stole has been returned. **All financial obligations to the school have to be cleared before graduation day.**

## 8. Behavior:

Best behavior is expected by all seniors. Behavior such as gum chewing, inappropriate attire, playful antics, alcohol consumption, etc., will not be tolerated. **Students will be removed from the ceremony for inappropriate dress or behavior. Parents, please encourage your students and guests to maintain the formal atmosphere of graduation.**

## 9. Graduation Speaker and Musical Performance Auditions:

Speaker Tryouts will take place on **Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.** Please contact Rob Murphy in Room 1309 for more information. Musical Auditions will be held on **Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>** after school by sign-up. Sign-ups will be posted at the beginning of April at room 1607. Please contact Dana Lambert. More information will be forthcoming.

## 10. Unique Name Practice:

Student Government will be in the library during Advisory on **May 18<sup>th</sup> and May 19<sup>th</sup>** to learn and practice saying unique student names for graduation. If your name is commonly mispronounced, please attend.

### 11. Cultural Items:

Students are allowed **ONE** plant based or ribbon lei on the floor for graduation. Flowers, candy leis, corsages, flags, personalized stoles or leis, decorated caps and other ornamentation **NOT DISTRIBUTED BY ALTA** are not acceptable during the ceremony and will not be permitted on the graduation floor.

Students wishing to wear cultural items during graduation will need to bring those items for approval from the administration **during Advisory on May 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>**.

### 12. Picture Taking:

Because of the large number of graduates and guests, it is imperative that everyone attending remain in the areas designated for seating until the ceremony has concluded. A professional photographer will take a color photograph of each graduate receiving his/her diploma. Pictures will be available for purchase from Eastman Adams one week after graduation. All family/friends/gown pictures **WITH THE GRADUATION STOLE** need to be taken **BEFORE** the ceremony.

### 13. Graduation Parties:

The school does not sponsor any after graduation parties. However, the Pepperwood Community plans an after-graduation party.

Alta's final Senior event is the **Senior Dinner Dance** at Loveland Living Aquarium on **Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**.

### 14. Awards Worn at Graduation:

#### **National Honor Society Collars**

National Honor Society collars will be worn by ACTIVE, QUALIFIED members; this includes 30 individual service hours, activity attendance, and required GPA. Alta High School has the collars for students to purchase and wear for graduation. Each student **MUST** do their exit interview and purchase the collar on or before **Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**. There will be a \$25 purchase required in the form of a check or cash given to the main office and the receipt provided to Ms. Graff or Ms. Waters at the exit interview.

#### **Hawk Medallion**

The purpose of the Hawk Medallion is to reward involvement in a wide variety of activities while attending Alta High School. It is the student's responsibility to return the completed application to their counselor by **Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**. The application is available for download at <https://altahscounseling.weebly.com/hawk-medallion>. Students will be recognized at graduation and at an awards event at the end of the year.

#### **High Honor Cords**

These will be worn by students with a cumulative **3.75 or better GPA** as of the **end of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter**. It is not necessary to apply for the High Honor Cord. Cords will be available for purchase in the Main Office for \$7 (cash or check only) starting **Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**.

#### **Academic Pins**

To earn an Academic Pin, a student must earn a 3.75 for six quarters (not necessarily consecutive). Students may qualify for only one pin and pins are awarded to Seniors only. Students must turn in their application to the Counseling office by **Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**. Applications are available in the counseling center. There is no cost for the Academic pin.

#### **Academic "A"**

To earn an Academic "A", a student must earn a 4.0 GPA for two consecutive quarters. Students may earn ONE "A" per each academic year. Students must turn in their application to the Counseling Office by **Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**. Applications are available at the following link: [https://ahs.canyonsdistrict.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/351/2025/08/25\\_26-Alta-High-School-Academic-Letter-.pdf](https://ahs.canyonsdistrict.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/351/2025/08/25_26-Alta-High-School-Academic-Letter-.pdf).

#### **Department Cords**

Seniors will be able to apply for academic cords in various departments. Applications for each department are available now on the Alta High website <https://ahs.canyonsdistrict.org/graduation-cords/> and from the CTE Office. The applications need to be filled out completely and turned in to the appropriate **Department Chairperson**. The applications are due no later than **Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, by 3:00 p.m.** **Absolutely no late applications will be accepted.** A list of students who qualify for each department cord will be posted in the window of the Main Office no later than **Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**. Cords will be available for purchase for \$7 each (cash or check only) in the Main Office starting **Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**.

Your attention to these instructions is appreciated. Through a cooperative effort, this year's Alta High School Commencement will be a very special occasion. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely: Alta High School Administration and Graduation Committee