



VISTA DEL LAGO HIGH SCHOOL

2017-2018 SENIOR CONTRACT

Each year, a great deal of effort goes into planning and orchestrating the end of the year events for seniors, including Senior Survivor Week, the Senior BBQ, Senior Ball, Disney Grad Trip and the graduation ceremony. Participating in these events is not a right, but a privilege that is contingent upon your successful completion of the district graduation requirements as well as adherence to Vista del Lago's campus policies and regulations for behavior and attendance. Below is a list of expectations and requirements that you **MUST** adhere to in order to be permitted to participate in end of the year senior events. Any student that loses access to senior year events due to attendance or behavior issues will not receive a refund. Please review this contract carefully with your family and understand the consequences of not meeting all requirements stated below.

ACADEMIC:

- Complete all academic requirements by May 31, 2018.
- Complete and verify through the Counseling Department, any additional credits needed from online courses and/or college classes by May 18, 2018.

ATTENDANCE:

- Maintain good attendance in all classes. Any senior receiving a truancy letter during the last semester of his/her senior year must meet with an administrator and clear the truancy issues in order to participate in the end of the year senior events and/or graduation ceremony.
- Attend school the Friday before Senior Ball. Seniors absent the Friday before Senior Ball who have not received prior permission may be denied entry to the dance. Participation in a "ditch day" counts as a truant event.

BEHAVIOR:

- Be responsible for all school rules and district policies as stated in FCUSD's Student Code of Conduct. Any violation of rules or policies resulting in an off campus suspension during the last semester of senior year will prevent the student from participation in senior activities—including the graduation ceremony; no refunds will be given.
- Participation in a "senior prank", vandalism, or any similar action that disrupts the normal operations of campus will result in the loss of participation in senior year activities (including graduation). Law enforcement will be notified in the event of any such action taking place and restitution for damages will be applied.

FINES/OVERDUE BOOKS:

- Pay all outstanding fines to STUDENT ACCOUNTS by May 4, 2018. Return any overdue books to the Vista Library by May 30th, 2018.

GRADUATION CEREMONY:

- Attend graduation practice. Those with an unavoidable conflict should meet with an administrator the week prior for approval. Seniors who fail to attend practice without prior approval may not participate in the graduation ceremony.
- Adhere to dress code expectations for the graduation ceremony including the following:
 - ✓ The appropriate attire for graduation is business or business casual – no shorts
 - ✓ Dresses must have a hemline shorter than the graduation robe.
 - ✓ No casual sneakers, flip-flops, jeans or shorts permitted.
 - ✓ Graduation caps must sit level on the head and may not be altered in any way
 - ✓ Graduates may not wear anything on the outside of the graduation robe other than school-issued honor cords, medals, and stoles will be permitted (no personal embellishments allowed, including lei's)
- Behave appropriately during the graduation ceremony. Be courteous and behave responsibly during the entire ceremony and refrain from any activity that is disrupting, distracting or dangerous. Students who fail to do so will be removed from the ceremony and will not be allowed to attend Sober Grad Night (no refund will be given).

Our goal is prevention rather than punishment. Please read this letter carefully and return the signature page of this contract with the proper signatures to your advisory teacher.

Please keep this page to review throughout the school year



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PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION TO YOUR ADVISORY TEACHER TO ENSURE YOUR SON'S/DAUGHTER'S PARTICPATION IN ALL 2017-2018 SENIOR ACTIVITIES.

Make sure to retain the first page as a reminder and reference guide.

We understand that participating in this year's senior events and graduation ceremony is a privilege. To ensure participation in the senior end of the year activities, including the graduation ceremony, I understand that I/my student must adhere to the requirements outlined in the Senior Contract.

We have read the *Senior Contract for Class of 2018* and fully understand the expectations and consequences. *Note: this portion needs to be signed by a parent even if the student is 18 years old.*

Student's Name (printed)

ID Number

Student's Signature

Parent/Guardian Name (printed)

Parent/Guardian Signature



IMPORTANT! Below, please **PRINT** the full legal name of graduating Senior as it should appear on diploma:

No Nicknames will be used – legal names only - supported by legally approved documents

First Name

Middle Name or Initial (optional)

Last Name

I approve the diploma card information above:

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



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As a member of the Senior Class, you will be eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony at Vista del Lago High School if you complete the requirements of the Board of Education and maintain a satisfactory record of behavior. In order to ensure that senior activities and the graduation ceremony are the meaningful events that parents, faculty, and the graduating class desires, the following requirements must be agreed to by each senior and the contract must be signed.

1. I understand that participation in the graduation ceremony is a **PRIVILEGE** and is voluntary.
2. I understand by 3pm, on May 31st, that all my course work must be completed (students enrolled in APEX must have all course work completed by May 22nd) and I must have **220 credits** in order to participate in the Vista del Lago High School graduation ceremony.
3. I understand that a serious violation of school rules, failure to maintain satisfactory attendance and/or failure to complete all discipline hours assigned during the school year may result in my exclusion from all senior activities, including the graduation ceremony.
4. I understand that inappropriate behavior at any school activity (i.e. Prom, athletic or co-curricular activities, or graduation practice) will jeopardize my participation in the graduation ceremony.
5. I also agree to pay all debts that I owe Vista del Lago High School (for textbooks, library materials, equipment, etc.), and to return all checked out materials before graduation rehearsal.
6. I agree to be courteous during the entire ceremony and not call attention to myself nor commit any act that will disrupt the graduation ceremony or cause embarrassment to the graduating class or their guests. I understand that inappropriate behavior during the ceremony will result in being removed.
7. I agree to wear the cap and gown as selected by Vista del Lago High School. I further agree to wear proper attire under my cap and gown.
8. I will attend graduation rehearsal, arriving on time, following all directions given and will not leave the rehearsal until dismissed. In case of illness, I will contact an administrator prior to practice. I understand that I must attend rehearsal to participate in graduation.
9. I understand that if I participate in a "ditch day", I jeopardize all senior privileges and activities, including participation in the graduation ceremony.
10. I understand that participation or involvement in any "senior prank", campus vandalism, or disruption to normal campus operations will jeopardize my participation in all senior activities and that I will not receive a refund.

Student's Name (printed)

ID Number

Student's Signature

****SIGN AND RETURN TO YOUR ADVISORY TEACHER****