



Grayson High School  
50 Hope Hollow Road  
Loganville, GA 30052



### **To the Families and friends of the Grayson High School Class of 2018:**

We are very proud of our seniors. We believe our graduation ceremony will honor the culmination of their high school years and respectfully acknowledge their accomplishments. Please understand that graduation is a formal occasion. The atmosphere of the ceremony needs to be comfortable, but solemn and dignified as well. To ensure that the proper decorum is established and maintained, we ask for you and any guests at graduation to abide by the following guidelines:

#### **Please:**

- Arrive early to get a good seat (please keep traffic in mind as you arrange a time to leave). Doors will open one hour prior to the start of the ceremony. (7AM)
- Make sure to bring your ticket, tickets will be required for entry – the arena staff will be collecting tickets.
- Do not bring any gifts for the graduate into the arena ( you cannot bring in wrapped items), you will not have contact with your senior until after the ceremony so please save these for the parking lot or home.
- Applaud when, and only when, appropriate. It is appropriate to applaud after speeches, performances and after the LAST graduate's name has been called.
- Stand when appropriate.
- Remain in your seat until after seniors have recessed out. Please do NOT enter the aisles – you will block the path of the seniors. Students will recess out using the aisles so these must remain clear to allow the students to exit.
- Take pictures or video only from your seat.
- Dress appropriately for the formality of the ceremony.
- Consider leaving small children and babies at home with a sitter. They will neither appreciate nor remember the ceremony. All persons over the age of 2 will need a ticket.
- Set cell phones to silent. Please do not make or receive calls during the ceremony.
- WAIT in your seats and not block the aisles until the graduates have recessed out. It is strongly recommended that families arrange a meeting place outside the arena for after graduation. This will save a tremendous amount of time in trying to find each other.
- Do NOT shout or call out names or make other disruptive noises during the ceremony.
- Do NOT throw any items in the Arena.
- Be patient entering and understand bags, including purses, will be searched, so limiting the items you bring will speed up the process. Guests will pass through metal detector.
- Do NOT bring noise makers, air horns, signs, etc. These items will be confiscated.

This is a time of celebration for our graduates and families. We want each parent to hear his/her graduate's name when announced. **Please refrain from extremely loud or prolonged cheering and the use of any noise-makers (air horns, whistles, cowbells, etc).** Each graduate has worked hard to reach this point and deserves the respect of everyone present.

**Security will remove anyone –students or spectators—not following these guidelines.**

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in making this a memorable and enjoyable event for our graduates—the Class of 2018!



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To the Grayson High School Class of 2018:

Here are few reminders for our seniors:

- You must be present at graduation practice in order to participate in graduation. Practice will be Wednesday May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1PM. Practice is the commons at Grayson High School. Graduates should wear regular clothing to practice.
- **Seniors must arrive at 6AM on Thursday May 24<sup>th</sup>.**
- **The only items seniors may bring into the arena are cap, gown, and one car key.** If other items are brought in they will be collected and can be picked up at the school after Memorial Day, this includes cell phones. We recommend leaving all other belongings at home or in your car to save you the time of having to retrieve them from school at a later date. Give a wallet, purse, and/or phone to family to bring and lock your license in your car if you are driving yourself.
- All students will walk into the Arena with cap and gown in hand so that clothing can be checked. Students will walk through a metal detector.
- Before graduation, you should remove your cap and gown from the package and hang it up (most of the wrinkles will fall out). Only use a cool iron if necessary. The students' attire at graduation is very important. All gowns will be green. The girls must have a dress that does not hang below their gown. Girls may wear dress pants as well. They must have on appropriate dress shoes – this can include dressy sandals, but no flip flops. We strongly recommend comfortable dress shoes as you will be standing in the tunnels of the Arena for over an hour. The boys must wear khaki or dark dress pants, a dress shirt, and appropriate dress shoes.
- Remember to write your name inside your graduation cap. Caps can **NOT** be decorated for the ceremony.
- If there is an issue with behavior during the ceremony from students, then they will be escorted out of the arena. This includes disruptive talking or yelling out, throwing of items, standing when inappropriate, etc. Please use good judgement and enjoy this memorable event in your life.