



Graduation Cap Decoration Guidelines



The Freedom High School Class of 2023 is excited to allow decorations on graduation caps to positively showcase students' pride in themselves, their accomplishments, and their future. These decorations are an optional opportunity to thank family, friends, or educators, celebrate your post-graduation plans (career, college, military, etc.), recognize your extra-curricular involvements or cultural heritage, etc.

Because these caps will be displayed at Graduation, a school-sponsored event, and to ensure that commencement remains a dignified and inclusive celebration of the achievement of all students, designs must be consistent with the PWCS Code of Behavior and adhere to these guidelines:

- Only the flat top of the official black cap may be decorated
- The academic gown cannot be decorated (other than approved academic honor decorations listed in the program).
- Decorations may not be excessively 3-D, extend beyond or hang off the edges of the cap

Expressly prohibited:

- Obscene, offensive, profane, vulgar, or hateful language/images
- References to alcohol, controlled substances, drugs, gangs, tobacco, sexual activity, violence, weapons, or encouraging illegal activity/disruptive behavior
- Designs diminishing or slandering any individual or institution, the school/PWCS, any faculty or staff member, and/or any student



Caps will be inspected in advance of the ceremony and removed if deemed inappropriate. The Administration of Freedom High School reserves the right to prohibit any design at any time; judgement on appropriateness of design is at the sole discretion of the school administration.

Failure to adhere to these rules for graduation cap decoration or instructions from Freedom High School and/or Eagle Bank Arena (GMU) event staff could result in discipline up to and including a student's removal from commencement exercises.

Here are some ideas for appropriate things to include on your cap to get you started:

- Thank a parent, grandparent, teacher, friend
- Recognize the College or Technical School you will be attending
- Celebrate your graduation year
- Represent the branch of the military they will be joining
- Share the career field you will begin working in
- Share your extra-curricular passions (music, art, sports, etc.)
- Display something that positively represents your cultural heritage

