LAKEVIEW CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL
Graduation Contract
Statement of Behavior Regulations and Expectations for the Class of 2022

*This form must be completed and returned to Mrs. Turner no later than **April 1, 2022***
in order to participate in the graduation ceremony.

GISD Commencement dates are **June 9-11**; specific campus dates, times, and location have not yet been announced. This will be a ceremony to honor you, the student, for completing all of the graduation requirements established by the Garland Independent School District. Participation in the ceremony is contingent upon your successful completion of the required credits, the passing of required End of Course tests, the completion of any Loss of Credit requirements, and adherence to school regulations for behavior and attendance. Please make every effort to ensure that you are making satisfactory progress towards your graduation requirements.

BACKGROUND: "Unlike receipt of a diploma, participation in the graduation ceremony is a privilege, not a right" (Swany v San Ramon Valley Unified Sch Dist. 720 F Supp 764 (ND Cal, 1989). Although the ceremony is an important event, participation or non-participation does not alter the significance or value of the diploma (Lisa Swann, M.A.T/,. J.D.).

A great deal of effort has gone into preparing for the graduation ceremony. This should be a very special occasion for you as a member of the Class of 2022, and also for all of us at LCHS. You are following a standard established by Lakeview Centennial High School's first graduating class in 1978 – one of seriousness, dignity, and pride. To help us continue that tradition and to make the ceremony the meaningful event that parents, faculty, and the graduating class desire, the following must be agreed upon by each senior and his or her parent or guardian. Please initial each section to indicate that you have read, understand, and agree to comply with the guidelines specified. Failure to comply with these guidelines may mean inability to participate in, or removal from, the graduation ceremony.

Std Initials	Pnt/Grdn Initials	
_____	_____	I will attend all practices scheduled for the graduation ceremony. **I agree to adjust my work schedule and any other obligations to meet the practice schedule.** In case of illness, I will contact one of the school administrators prior to the practice.
_____	_____	I agree to purchase and wear the cap and gown selected for the ceremony and ***not alter or decorate*** them in any manner. I further agree to conform to the following dress code described below for the graduation ceremony.
_____	_____	**Males** should wear **white** dress shirts, ties, black slacks (no jeans), black socks and black shoes (no tennis shoes).
_____	_____	**Females** are expected to wear nice dresses of an appropriate length or black dress slacks with a white collared dress shirt. Medium to flat heels are suggested because of the amount of walking and standing that will be required. You may wear dressy sandals but no flip-flops.
_____	_____	Hairstyles for males and females should also conform to the GISD dress code. All hair must be a **natural color** no later than **June 1, 2022.**
_____	_____	No facial piercing jewelry, per GISD dress code.
_____	_____	I will not carry anything into the graduation venue that will disrupt the ceremony. I agree to be courteous during the entire ceremony and refrain from any activity that is disrupting, distracting or dangerous. I further agree to leave the ceremony when asked to do so if I fail to adhere to these guidelines. I understand that if I violate this I will not be allowed to receive my diploma and will be required to schedule a student/parent conference with an LC administrator.

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_____	_____	Cell phones will be turned COMPLETELY off and out of sight the ENTIRE time the class is in the arena area. If a phone is discovered "out," it will be confiscated. I will not be allowed to receive my diploma, and will be required to schedule a student/parent conference with an LC administrator.
_____	_____	I agree to pay all debts, which I owe to Lakeview Centennial High School and turn in all materials as required **prior** to participating in graduation practice.
_____	_____	I agree to follow all rules at any school activity, i.e. prom, senior activities, athletic or co-curricular activities or graduation practice throughout the school year, and understand that not doing so will jeopardize my participation in the graduation ceremony. Senior activities are considered regular scheduled school days.
_____	_____	Transportation to the ceremony will be venue/location dependent, and may or may not be available. I agree to verify this detail once the district has announced final plans.
_____	_____	I understand that if I violate school rules that necessitate suspension from school or placement in the District Alternative Education Program at any time during the school year, I am subject to removal from any or all senior activities, including the graduation ceremony.
_____	_____	I agree that my attendance in all classes shall conform to school and district policy. I also understand that any truancies or excessive absences may jeopardize my participation in graduation ceremonies.
_____	_____	I understand that participation in the graduation ceremony is not required to receive my high school diploma. However, should I not attend the graduation ceremony as a result of any **violation(s)** of this agreement, I understand that a student/parent conference with an LC administrator will be required prior to receiving my diploma.

_____ _____
*Student's FULL name (typed) as for diploma *Student's ID Number

Sign Here

_____ _____
*Student's Signature *Date

I have discussed this contract with my son/daughter, and we understand the rules and consequences outlined.

Sign Here

_____ _____
*Parent/Guardian Signature *Date

(Must be signed by a parent/guardian, even if student is 18 years old.)

*** Required information**

A signed copy of this document should be returned to Mrs. Turner in the Main Office or e-mailed to gkturner@garlandisd.net. Rev: Jan. 2022