

Castle View High School Graduation Information

A Reference Guide for the Class of 2026 & Families

Here are our plans for the last month at Castle View and we hope everything goes exactly as planned. In the event it does not, you will receive e-mails and all our up-to-date information will be at <https://cvhs.dcsdk12.org/resources/graduation>.

April 3rd – Community Service

We would like to have community service hours turned in by April 3rd to Mrs. Cancino in the Counseling Office, or through [HelperHelper](#). Graduates may turn in hours no later than 9:00 am on May 18th. Twenty community service hours are required and the student's diploma will be held until these are completed and submitted, per district policy. If there are questions on what's accepted, please refer to the [website](#).

April 16th - Senior Meeting during advisement and Sign Pickup

April 29th – Transcript Online Course Completion Deadline

To receive online credit on your transcript, the class needs to be completed and submitted to the registrar by 2:00 pm on April 29th. These include online, Star Lab and BYU classes.

April 30th – Checkout Sheets

On Thursday, April 30th during advisement, each senior will pick up a check-out sheet from their advisement teacher. Seniors must complete the form themselves and cannot have a parent complete it. **Early grads have already completed this step.**

May 8th - Yearbook Distribution

May 11th – 12th Senior Finals: Seniors taking AP exams during this week should prioritize their AP exams. Their classroom teachers will set a time for them to make up their final.

May 11th:

- 7:40 - 9:15 am Period 1 Final
- 9:20 - 10:55 am Period 2 Final
- 11:00 - 1:15 pm Period 3 Final
- 1:20 pm - 2:55 pm Period 4 Final

May 12th:

- 8:15 am - 9:45 am Period 5 Final
- 9:50 am - 10:15 am Advisement
- 10:15 am - 12:35 pm Period 6 Final
 - A lunch 10:15-11:00
 - B Lunch 11:50-12:35
- 12:35 pm - 2:05 pm Period 7 Final
- 2:10 - 2:55 pm Move Up Assembly in the gym. This is our opportunity to say goodbye to all the students.

May 12th - Senior Sunset at 3:15pm in the Commons

- Barbecue, Senior Superlatives, Yearbook Signing, and the Senior Slideshow

May 13th - Senior Check-out (REQUIRED)

- The final check-out process is very important. We use this information to ensure that the graduate has fulfilled all requirements and can graduate with their class on May 20th. As your student completes final exams and other obligations (fines, books, etc.), each teacher will sign off indicating all steps are completed for their class. Please clear your lunch accounts through [MySchoolBucks](#). You can transfer funds to siblings, receive a refund, or donate. If you have any questions about lunch accounts, please reach out to pmwilson@dcsdk12.org.
- Signatures on the check-out sheet are required from post grad, library, and counseling secretary. These signatures can be obtained throughout the week. Students will obtain the bookkeeper's signature AFTER they have all teachers' signatures (***Participation in the graduation ceremony will be denied unless ALL outstanding fees or fines are paid by cash or credit card***). Counselors are the last to sign and will keep the form. While **Cap and Gown and Voter Registration are only available on May 13th 11-2:15 pm**, you can turn in checkout sheets to your counselor as soon as all signatures are complete.
- The following stations will be set up in the Gym for senior check out: Community Service, Post Grad, Bookkeeper, Counselors, Seal of Biliteracy, Cap and Gown, and Voter Registration.
 - ❖ 11:00 - 11:45 am Seniors with a last name of A-C or M-O
 - ❖ 12:00 - 12:45 pm Seniors with a last name of D-G or P-S
 - 12:45 - 1:30 pm Lunch Break (signatures WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE)
 - ❖ 1:30 - 2:15 pm Seniors with a last name of H-L or T-Z
- Failure to complete the check-out procedure will jeopardize the senior's participation in the graduation ceremony. Please be aware that by Board of Education policy, all graduation requirements must be met 48 hours prior to the graduation ceremony. **The deadline to meet requirements for the Class of 2026 is 9:00 am on Monday, May 18, 2026. Board of Education requirements include: Create an Academic Plan, Earn 24 Credits,**

Perform 20 hours of Community Service, Demonstrate Competency in Reading, Writing, and Communicating and Math, remit all outstanding fines or monies owed.

May 18th – Senior Awards

- ❖ 6:00 pm at Castle View
- ❖ This event is by invitation only and will be limited for guests and faculty.
- ❖ If you have received any scholarships or awards as a senior, please let Sabrina Gentry in post grad know.

May 19th – Rehearsal MANDATORY. Seniors will not walk at Red Rocks if they do not attend.

- ❖ **Senior Lunch** – 12pm in the commons.
- ❖ **Senior Meeting (REQUIRED)** – 1:00 pm in the auditorium.
- ❖ **Graduation Rehearsal (REQUIRED)** – Graduation rehearsal will be after the senior meeting on the CVHS football field. Rehearsal will last approximately 1 hour. **Graduation rehearsal is mandatory for all graduates participating in the graduation ceremony on May 20th.** (A suggestion: After rehearsal, ask your student where they are sitting. This information will allow you to seat yourself in a position at Red Rocks where you can best see your graduate.)

May 20th – Graduation – 9:00 am Red Rocks Amphitheatre

Location/Directions/Time – Graduation will be held at Red Rocks Amphitheatre on May 20, 2026, at 9:00 am. Gates will open at 8:00 am. We do NOT require tickets for entry to graduation. If special needs seating is needed, please see below information. Red Rocks is an outdoor amphitheater with bench seating and many stairs. The ceremony should last approximately 2 hours. The Class of 2026 will be transported as a group to Red Rocks on school buses. All graduates are required to ride the bus and must be at CVHS by 6:30 am. Please leave backpacks and purses with family.

- ★ **Graduate Attire** – Attire cannot be potentially offensive or distracting to the ceremony. Attire must be in line with our current dress code policy. Graduation is a special event that you should dress up for. We encourage students to wear business attire. Be mindful that Red Rocks has a lot of stairs, so stilettos may not be comfortable.
- ★ **Facilities at Red Rocks** – The seats are wooden benches on concrete. Guests should bring something to sit on (blanket, pad, etc.) if concerned about clothing/comfort. Please plan for a variety of weather conditions. Remember we are in the mountains in the spring and the afternoons can be unpredictable. Red Rocks has numerous restrooms, as well as a visitor center.
- ★ **Parking at Red Rocks** – Red Rocks parking staff will direct you to the nearest available lot. Be prepared to walk a distance to access the seating area. **The charge for parking is \$12.50.** The link to purchase a parking pass before graduation day is [here](#).
- ★ If you need to access the shuttle for special needs guests, please inform the attendant at Red Rocks.
- ★ **Special Needs Seating** – Seating is limited and therefore only available to the person who needs it and one family member to sit with them. [Request your electronic tickets starting May 1st](#) (link will be available starting May 1st and sent out in the senior newsletter). Designated accessible parking is located at the Top Circle Lot (500 feet from Row 70) and Upper South Lot (via accessible Shuttle to Rows 1, 2 & 3). A valid disability placard or license plate is required to park in an accessible parking space. The person with whom registration of the disability placard or license plate belongs to, must be in the vehicle and identification will be required. All parking is first come, first served, so guests are encouraged to arrive as early as possible to ensure availability. Drop offs can always happen in the Top Circle lot as well as the Upper South lot near the accessible shuttle pick up location. [Please consult the map for its location](#). Two shuttles will be running throughout the park. These shuttles are different from the accessible shuttle and will drop guests off at the Top Circle lot or East gate entrances. From that point, it is a relatively short walk to the reserved section. There will be faculty and students available to offer any assistance to this reserved section. We have established a wheelchair brigade, consisting of CVHS staff and students, who will happily transport those in need of assistance via wheelchairs to this reserved seating section. After dropping off guests who need transportation services, you may then proceed to one of the general admission parking lots.
- ★ **Graduate (& Guest) Behavior** – The graduation ceremony is a celebration for families and students. The ceremony will be a dignified event to remember for a lifetime. The graduating Class of 2025 will be instructed on the correct behavior that is expected of them. Similarly, dignified behavior is also expected of all guests and spectators. Use of air horns or noise makers, or other distractions (such as blow up items) diminishes the experience for all students and families. Standing in the aisles will not be permitted during the ceremony. **Spectators will not be allowed in the aisles below row 14 during the awarding of diplomas.**
- ★ **DR Photo** is the official photographer for our commencement. Your proofs will be available a few weeks after the ceremony. To view your proofs online, please visit www.dr-photo.com, select the black button "GRADUATION GALLERIES". Pictures may be ordered online, by phone, or by mail. If you have any questions please contact Customer Service at 303-346-2772 or via email at support@dr-photo.com.
- ★ **Videographer:** CVTV Production: email information to order will be provided at a later date.
- ★ **Diploma Distribution** – Students will receive their diplomas as they leave the stage.
- ★ **Live Streaming** – The district provides live streaming of all the graduations for Douglas County.

In the rare event of inclement weather, please dress accordingly.