



*Information Sheet & Save the Date*  
**COMMENCEMENT 2024**  
Tuesday, June 11, 2024 – 5PM  
*Spreckels Organ Pavilion • Balboa Park*

## GETTING READY for COMMENCEMENT

### ELIGIBILITY

To participate in Commencement, you must have completed or be in progress towards completing one of the following by June 8, 2024:

- **High School Diploma**
- **High School Equivalency (GED/HiSET)**
- **Advanced ESL/VESL Program**
- **Career/Technical Education (CTE) Program**

Speak with a counselor to review your eligibility and completion of requirements.

### COMMENCEMENT PETITION

Students are encouraged to self-report their program completion and planned participation in Commencement via the online Petition, found at <https://tinyurl.com/SDCCE2024Grad>.

### CAPS and GOWNS

SDCCE is pleased to offer caps and gowns to students **free of charge** – to take advantage of this offer, please complete the online Commencement Petition, and indicate your request in the section provided. Supplies are limited, and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Distribution will take place during GradFest events in May.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Requests for disability accommodations may be indicated on the online Commencement Petition directly, or by calling the DSPS Office at (619) 388-4812. Accommodations requests must be received by **Tuesday, May 28, 2024**.

### GRADFEST

Campuses will host GradFest events in May 2024, where students can pick up caps and gowns; order additional regalia, class rings, and other recognitions; and connect with the credit colleges of the District for continuing your education. Watch for future announcements regarding the calendar of events.

## DURING COMMENCEMENT WEEK

### REHEARSAL

Students are **highly encouraged** to attend Rehearsal, to be held on **Friday, June 7 at 3:00PM** at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion.

### BALLOONS ARE NOT ALLOWED AT COMMENCEMENT!

The City of San Diego has a **strict, no-tolerance** policy on balloons in Balboa Park. Guests with balloons **will be turned away – no exceptions**. **Leave balloons at home or in your vehicle!**

### PARKING and ARRIVAL TIMES

Parking at Balboa Park can be challenging. We recommend arriving at the Organ Pavilion no later than 3:30PM on the day of Commencement to allow time to park and get settled. Ample parking is available in the Inspiration point parking lot, located across Park Blvd via Presidents' Way.

### WEATHER

Check the weather forecast the morning of Commencement and be prepared for all possibilities. In the event of extreme weather, visit [www.sdcce.edu](http://www.sdcce.edu) for announcements regarding any possible change of venue.

### GUESTS and CHILDREN

Tickets are not required to attend Commencement and guests are welcome. **If you are bringing children** to Commencement, you **must** have another adult present to supervise them. **Childcare is not available**, and children are **not** permitted in the graduate seating area.

### CLASS PHOTOS

Class photos are taken by program (or campus for SDUSD) beginning at 4:00PM at a designated location within the Pavilion. All photos will be available for download from [www.flickr.com/photos/sdce](http://www.flickr.com/photos/sdce) a few weeks after the event.