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Grad 2024/25 – FAQs

- 1. Can International Students in Grade 12 come to Grad Events?**
 - Yes, international students in Grade 12 are considered grads for all events that are exclusive to Grade 12s
- 2. Do the grads get to keep cap and gowns?**
 - Yes
- 3. My child is at UFV doing the trades program. Are they still considered a Grade 12 Grad?**
 - Yes, any student who is listed as a Grade 12 student at our school is considered a Grade 12 for all grad events.
- 4. Do students have to take the bus to prom?**
 - Yes, students must take the provided transport to and from Harrison Hot Springs.
- 5. What time does Dry Grad start?**
 - Dry grad starts at 11 p.m. and runs until 5 a.m.
 - Students are responsible for their own transportation to this community event.
- 6. Where does the money go for fundraisers?**
 - Any money collected from fundraisers will go towards lowering the cost of events such as prom for the entire Grade 12 population. At the grad auction, 50% of what an item sells for will go back to lowering the grad fees for the student that brought in the item.
- 7. Where do we bring the grad auction items?**
 - If the items are small such as gift cards, please bring them directly to the office, or to Ms. Piorecky or Ms. Clift.
- 8. Are the grads going to be given hoodies and lanyards this year?**
 - Yes.
 - Please order your grad hoodie (<https://gwgs.sd33.bc.ca/grad-hoodie-orders>)
- 9. When are Grad Photos taking place?**
 - Grad photos will take place **November 25 – December 4 between 3:00 to 9:00 p.m.** Vibrant Photography will be sending out information for signing up shortly.
 - **All ordering and signing up will be done online.**
 - If those dates do not work, January 28 and 29 between 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. is missed grad photo day.

10. If I win an item at the auction, how do I pay for it?

- We will have debit, credit card, and cash options to pay for all items.

11. How many grads are allowed on the grad cruise?

- We have 180 spaces available for grads after accounting for teacher chaperones.
- Students will be bussed from GW. Graham, departing around 3 PM and arrive at the docks for boarding at 5:30pm. The sailing runs from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. We will return to GWG for pick up by parents at 11:00 p.m.

12. How many commencement tickets does each grad get?

- Each student receives 4 tickets (as part of their commencement fee), but grads can purchase an additional 4 tickets at \$7.00 per ticket. If you need more than 8 tickets, contact gwg-finance@sd33.bc.ca, and we will see if we can make that happen.

13. Will the box suites be randomly assigned this year?

- This year we will be auctioning off the box suites as part of the grad auction fundraiser. The box suites hold a maximum of 14 people.

14. Will scholarships and awards be given at commencement?

- NO, awards and scholarships have their own specific night. More information on that will come out in the New Year. Check the website to stay up to date.

15. Who gets to go to commencement and prom?

- Prom and commencement are for students who are in a position to graduate this year. If students are not graduating, they will not be allowed to participate in these events.

16. Do guests of graduates at prom and dry grad pay the same amount?

- Yes, all guests will pay the same amount as grads.

If you have any questions or want to stay up to date with grad information and events, check out the school website at: <https://gwgss.sd33.bc.ca/grad-2025>