



# ANTELOPE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

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## Senior Letter

Congratulations Seniors,

This letter is designed to assist you in planning for your upcoming senior activities. These activities are specifically for graduating seniors. Please note the events and the details that describe them. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Activities Office at 948-8552, ext. 167.

**Remember, this letter does not ensure graduation, or participation in the graduation ceremony. All seniors must fulfill the academic requirements as set forth by the State of California, the Antelope Valley Union High School District, and Antelope Valley High School.**

### **STANDARDS OF CONDUCT**

School rules and regulations are expected to be followed at all senior activities. Appropriate behavior is expected as well as regular school attendance to be eligible for all senior activities. Remember senior activities, including graduation, are privileges. Participation in activities and the graduation ceremony can be revoked by Administration. All graduates must accurately complete the Senior Code of Conduct/Graduation Participation Agreement form and return it to the Activities Office in order to participate in any senior activity. Suspensions and inappropriate behaviors during the spring semester may result in the student not being allowed to participate in activities or the graduation ceremony.

### **COMMENCEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS DISTRIBUTION**

**DATE:** Friday, March 1, 2024  
**TIME:** During Lunch  
**PLACE:** In the Activities Office

- ❖ All graduating seniors who have placed orders for announcements should pick them up when they become available in the Activities Office.
- ❖ All outstanding balance amounts with Jostens must be paid on this date.

### **JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM**

**DATE:** Saturday, May 4, 2024  
**TIME:** 5:00 - 10:00 pm  
**PLACE:** Hacienda Reyes  
**THEME:** Debajo de las Estrellas (*Under the Stars*)  
**COST:** **TWO DAY SALE ONLY**  
3/5/24 - \$80 w/ASB Card, \$85 w/o ASB Card, \$110 Approved Guest  
3/12/24 - \$95 w/ASB Card, \$100 w/o ASB Card, \$110 Approved Guest

**No refunds will be made.**

- ❖ Applications will be available online to all Juniors and Seniors. Guest applications can be picked up in the Activities Office as of January 19, 2024. Tickets will be sold after school at the Student Store on March 5<sup>th</sup> & March 12<sup>th</sup> (2:45 – 3:45pm). Current high school IDs must be shown by the student when purchasing a ticket. Only cash, credit card or money orders made out to AVHS will be accepted – no checks.
  - Friday, February 9, 2024 - Last day to submit AV student and guest applications.
  - Tuesday, February 13, 2024 – Last day for Parent Permission Form to be turned in.
- ❖ AVHS students and their Guest’s ticket must be purchased together on the same day.
- ❖ In order for student and guest applications to be approved, they must be in good standing with grades, attendance, discipline, and fees. Approval must be obtained prior to ticket purchase.
- ❖ All AVHS students and guests MUST show their current school ID for admission to the Prom. Only guests age 20 and under will be permitted to attend on an approved guest application. A current driver’s license or California ID is required for non-student guests.
- ❖ This is a formal dance. Girls are to wear formal or semi-formal dresses. No bare midriffs, exposed lower backs or dresses which are low-cut in the front. Hemlines need to be at knee length or longer. Slits must be at mid-thigh or lower. Boys are to wear suits, dinner jackets or a tux. Chains and walking canes will *not* be allowed.
- ❖ All attendees will be subject to a search upon entering the event facility. School officials may also search attendee’s property (including but not limited to backpacks, purses) or district property under the attendee’s control when there is a reasonable suspicion that the search will uncover evidence that the attendee is violating the law or District policies.
  - For further information contact the Junior Advisor, Mr. Chase in Room 224, call 948-8552 ext. 224, and/or email [jchase@avhsd.org](mailto:jchase@avhsd.org)

## **SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS NIGHT**

**DATE:** Wednesday, May 15, 2024

**TIME:** 6:00 pm

**PLACE:** Large Gym

- ❖ The Scholarship Awards Night honors seniors for various achievements earned at Antelope Valley High School. Contributions are given to students from local donors, organizations and universities. This event is by invitation only.
- ❖ Girls should wear dresses, or dress slacks and a blouse. Boys should wear slacks, a dress shirt with collar and a tie.

## **GRAD CAP DECOR APPROVAL**

**DEADLINE:** Friday, May 24, 2024  
**TIME:** 4:00 pm  
**PLACE:** Activities Office

Students may decorate their graduation cap, only if the design was approved by administration prior to the deadline.

- ❖ Parameters include no vulgar or profane messages as well as no indications of illegal activity or violence.
- ❖ Be mindful of the height and weight of the design, you should not obstruct the view of your peers during the ceremony. The likelihood of wind is very high, you don't want to have to fuss with adjusting your cap constantly due to the wind catching the items on your cap. We suggest that any added items be shorter than 1.5 inches from the base of the cap.

## **GRAD NITE AT SIX FLAGS MAGIC MOUNTAIN**

**DATE:** Friday, May 17, 2024  
**TIME:** 8:00 pm - 3:00 am  
**COST:** **TWO DAY SALE ONLY**  
4/2/24 - \$125 w/ASB card or \$130 w/out.  
4/9/24 - \$130 w/ASB card or \$135 w/out.

**No refunds will be made.**

- ❖ Transportation is by bus (no exceptions). Students will depart from and return to the AVHS North parking lot (student parking). Must have your student ID.
- ❖ An approved application is required for each participant and will be available online beginning February 15 – March 20, 2024. Parent signatures must be submitted online no later than Friday, March 22, 2024. No guests are allowed. Behavior standards are strictly enforced. Magic Mountain sets the requirements for transportation, dress and behavior. If a problem arises, parents/guardians will be called to pick up the student(s). See the Six Flags Magic Mountain website for COVID protocol.
- ❖ Tickets must be purchased in advance and will be sold at the Student Store after school (2:45 – 3:45pm) on 4/2 & 4/9. Current high school IDs must be shown by the student when purchasing a ticket. Only cash, credit card or money orders made out to AVHS will be accepted. Applications must be approved before purchasing a ticket. A limited number of tickets will be available.
- ❖ In order for student applications to be approved, they must be in good standing with credits, grades, attendance, discipline, and fees. Approval must be obtained prior to ticket purchase.
- ❖ Consent to Searches:
  - The District provides parking at school sites and at the District office for use by visitors, students and staff. By entering District parking lots, the person in charge of the vehicle acknowledges that bringing a vehicle onto District property constitutes consent to the search of such vehicle and its contents.

- School officials may also search students, student's property (including but not limited to backpacks, purses) or district property under the student's control when there is a reasonable suspicion that the search will uncover evidence that the student is violating the law or District policies.
- All attendees will be subject to a search prior to boarding transportation.

### **SENIOR CHECK OUT**

**DATE:** Monday, June 3rd

**TIME:** During Civics/Economics class **MUST COME WITH TEACHER**

**PLACE:** Library

- ❖ **Student ID is required!!!**
- ❖ Students will be escorted to the Library by their Civics/Economics teacher through the Fiction Room entrance. Students will rotate through the Library, gathering clearance signatures.
- ❖ **Please make sure all textbooks/library books have been returned and student fees have been paid PRIOR to Senior Check Out day. All fees owed must be paid with cash, credit card or money order only.**
- ❖ The Senior Code of Conduct/Graduation Participation Agreement form must be signed and turned in prior to this day or submitted online.
- ❖ Caps and gowns, along with complimentary graduation tickets, will be distributed on this day once the student's check out procedure has been fully completed. Lost or stolen graduation tickets will not be replaced.

### **GRADUATION PRACTICE**

**DATES:** Tuesday, June 4th & Wednesday, June 5th

**TIME:** 8:45am. **MUST BE ON TIME**

**PLACE:** AVHS Large Gym

- ❖ Participation in Graduation Practice (both days) is **MANDATORY** in order to participate in the Graduation ceremony. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- ❖ You **MUST** have completed the senior check out process before you are allowed to attend practice and graduation. You **MUST** also present a school ID card to enter graduation practices and the commencement ceremony.

### **GRADUATION TICKETS**

- ❖ Please remember that the announcements you may have ordered are not tickets to get in the commencement ceremony.
- ❖ Admission to the Graduation ceremony is by ticket only, each graduating senior will receive four (4) complimentary tickets.

- ❖ **Pending availability**, extra tickets may be sold. Graduates with a student ID (not family members) may purchase additional graduation tickets if we have any available.
- ❖ Please do not call the school asking for more tickets; seating is limited and there will not be any extra tickets beyond what is being made available. All guests will require a ticket for entry into the ceremony. (Children under the age of 2 will not require a ticket.)
- ❖ All guest seating is on a first come, first served basis, including seating areas designated for handicapped persons. Gates will open at 4:45 p.m.

## **GRADUATION**

**DATES:** Thursday, June 6, 2024

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Antelope Valley High School – Mays Field

**All graduates are to report to the AVHS Large Gym at 4:30 p.m. -Please be on time.**

- ❖ Caps and gowns must be worn. Girls are reminded to wear dresses, dress slacks, skirts and blouses (**NO HEELS**). Boys should wear suits, or slacks and jackets with shirts and ties. Flip-flops and slides are not permitted.
- ❖ Students are to leave gifts, cameras, sunglasses or any other items with parents/guardians during the graduation ceremony, as they will not be allowed when entering the facility. There will be no check-in of valuables and the school will not be responsible for personal items.
- ❖ Graduates are **not** permitted to carry anything. Only Valedictorians, Senior Class Officers, Pacesetters, ASB Officers, AVID graduates, and qualified CSF and ASB members are permitted to wear medals, stoles or cords distributed by AVHS.
- ❖ Graduation is a special occasion which demands well-mannered and courteous behavior. Failure to comply with agreed-upon graduation instructions may result in the student being removed from the ceremony and will not be recognized during the call of graduates.
- ❖ **Guests:** Guests may not bring items into the stadium that may obstruct the view of another guest (balloons, posters, umbrellas etc.). Walking around, shouting, using horns and whistling detract from the program and are not permitted. Please do not stand in the aisles or at the railings, as these areas block the view of other guests who are sitting down. Guests **will not** be allowed to approach the graduates at any time during the ceremony or during the recessional.
- ❖ The High School Graduation ceremony is not mandatory. It is a privilege which comes only once in a person's lifetime!
- ❖ The graduation gown you purchased is yours to keep. Take care of it. Many graduates keep both their cap and gown as important keepsakes.
- ❖ Please do not throw your caps into the air after graduation.
- ❖ Consent to Searches:

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- All attendees will be subject to a search upon entering the event facility.

NOTE: Graduates will be photographed as they receive their diplomas by O'Connor Photography. You can order your picture by going to [www.oconnorphotography.net](http://www.oconnorphotography.net).

***REMINDER: Graduates must attend **BOTH** Graduation practices! ALL debts to the school must be cleared in order to participate in the ceremony!***

### **BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS OF GRADUATION CEREMONY PARTICIPANTS**

The Graduation ceremony signifies the successful culmination of thirteen years of education. In order to assure a successful ceremony which is meaningful for all, the following is expected of all participants:

- ❖ Graduates are to be courteous during the entire ceremony and are to refrain from any activity which is disruptive, distracting or dangerous. Please follow directions.
- ❖ Graduates are not to carry anything with them into the ceremony. Caps may be decorated ONLY AFTER YOUR DESIGN IS APPROVED by administration. However, gowns shall not be altered in any fashion.
- ❖ Any student who appears to have been drinking alcoholic beverages or under the influence of any controlled substance prior to the ceremony will not be allowed to participate. All school rules apply to the graduation ceremony. This includes dress code and behavior expectations.
- ❖ Graduates will dress appropriately for a ceremony of this nature. Examples of inappropriate dress are beach and sports clothing, thong-type sandals, jeans, t-shirts, high or pointed heels, etc. (platform shoes / wedges are acceptable). Dress code policy will be enforced.
- ❖ If any participant in the graduation ceremony violates any of the above behavior standards, that student will NOT receive a diploma at the Graduation ceremony and will be asked to leave. The student will be required to attend a parent conference with the Principal the week following graduation in order to obtain their diploma.

## DIPLOMA PICK UP

- ❖ Graduates will receive only the cover of their diplomas when they go through the ceremony.
- ❖ Diplomas will be available in the cafeteria immediately following the Graduation ceremony. Diplomas will be released to the graduate only.
- ❖ Any diploma not picked up will be available by appointment beginning Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> with the Registrar, Mrs. Henriquez, 948-8552, extension 199. **DIPLOMAS WILL NOT BE MAILED HOME.**

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the Activities Office at 948-8552, ext. 167.

Sincerely,



Lisa Schmidt  
Principal



Aaron Foley  
Vice Principal

**Congratulations to the Graduates of  
Antelope Valley High School's Class of 2024,**

**The 108<sup>th</sup> Graduating Class!!!**

# ANTELOPE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 2024

## SENIOR CODE OF CONDUCT/GRADUATION PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

The graduation ceremony will be held at Antelope Valley High School - Mays Field at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 6, 2024. In order to participate in the ceremony, all students must adhere to all school rules throughout the year. If at any point a student cannot conduct his/her behavior in a dignified manner, consequences may accompany their actions. The signature on the following page will certify that the student has read this Senior Code of Conduct and Graduation Participation Agreement thereby promising to respect the rights of each graduate, speaker, parent/guardian and guest. The breaking of any of the following rules can lead to repercussions including being ineligible to participate in the graduation ceremony. (**Reference: Education Code sections 48900 and 48915**). Additional information regarding the ceremony and graduation tickets will be listed in the Senior Letter.

The following requirements **must** be followed to be eligible for participation in the graduation ceremony:

- Seniors must meet all graduation requirements, clear all debts and fines, return all textbooks and complete all disciplinary assignments. A student can have no more than two U's during the third or fourth quarter.
- Seniors must display appropriate, responsible and respectful behavior in class, on campus, and at **ALL** school activities. Any disciplinary issues during the Second Semester of the 2023-24 school year may result in a student's participation in the graduation ceremony and/or any other senior activities being revoked. All senior activities are a privilege, not a right.
- Follow all AVHS rules and policies, including dress code and turning off cell phones and electronic devices for the duration of all practices and the graduation ceremony. (They will be confiscated if they are heard or visible.)
- Attend all mandatory graduation practices, on time, and **sign in** each day.
- At the ceremony graduates must wear the designated cap and gown that has not been altered or decorated in any way (unless approved by administration). This includes decorations such as flowers, leis or sashes. Wear attire under the gown that is appropriate for formal occasions. **No high/pointed heels, slides, or flip flops**. Wedges are the only type of heel you may wear.
- Any objects that distract from the graduation ceremony will not be tolerated. This includes, but is not limited to: cell phones, silly string, confetti, horns, noisemakers and inflatable objects such as beach balls, etc.
- All students will be searched prior to the graduation ceremony. Prohibited items will be confiscated.
- Refrain from alcohol, drugs, vapes or any other controlled substances, knowing that their use or possession automatically bans participation in the ceremony.
- If at graduation or at any practice, a student gets out of their seat, stands on their chair, or draws undue attention to him or herself, the student may be removed from the ceremony.
- Please tell your guests to NOT bring noise makers or items that obstruct the view of others such as balloons, posters, large flower bouquets, etc. Possession of such items may result in removal from the ceremony.
- Once a student is removed from a graduation practice, the student will not participate in any other practices nor walk in the commencement ceremony.



Scan the QR Code for the Senior Code of Conduct that is due by  
**4PM ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024.**

[CLICK HERE for the Senior Code of Conduct Form \(available on Digital or PDF only\)](#)

***Without this Code of Conduct you will not be allowed to participate in senior activities including the graduation ceremony.***



# Antelope Valley High School

## 2024 SENIOR CALENDAR

### --- JANUARY ---

1/19 – 2/8:

**Prom Applications Available Online** - Google Form application link will be emailed to your student email on 1/19/24. The Google Form Response email is the Parent Permission slip, which must be printed, signed, and turned in to the Activities Office **no later than 4:00 pm on 2/13/24**. Guest applications will be available in the Activities Office on 1/17/24 and must be submitted to the Activities Office **no later than 4:00pm on 2/9/24**.  
(Prom Application process must be completed and approved **before** tickets are purchased)

1/31:

**Senior Code of Conduct** - Deadline to submit the Senior Code of Conduct/Graduation Participation Agreement, **no later than 4:00 pm on 1/31/24**. Without this contract you will not be allowed to participate in senior activities. Please check your email for this form.

### --- FEBRUARY ---

2/9:

Deadline to submit Prom Google Form and guest applications.  
– **Turn into the Activities Office, no later than 4:00pm**

2/13:

Deadline to turn in a signed Prom Google Form Response Parent Permission  
– **Turn into the Activities Office, no later than 4:00pm**

2/15 – 3/20:

**Grad Nite Applications available** – Google Form application link will be emailed to your student email. Your Google Form Response email is the Parent Permission slip, which must be printed, signed, and turned in to the Activities Office **no later than 4:00pm on 3/22/24**. (GradNite Application process must be completed and approved **before** tickets may be purchased).

### --- MARCH ---

3/1:

Deadline to pay for outstanding Josten's balance.

3/5:

Prom tickets on SALE  
– **After school at the Student Store (2:45 - 3:45pm)**  
**\$80 with an ASB card \$85 w/out an ASB card**

3/12:

Final day to purchase Prom Tickets  
– **After school at the Student Store (2:45 - 3:45pm)**  
**\$95 with ASB card \$100 w/out ASB card**

3/15:

**Academic Awards Night**

3/20:

Deadline to submit Grad Nite Google Form

3/22:

Last day to turn in a signed Grad Nite Google Form Response Parent Permission

**3/25 - 3/31: Spring Break!!!**

--- **APRIL** ---

- 4/1: **Cap & Gown Order Deadline-** [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com)
- 4/2: **Grad Nite ticket FLASH SALE -\$125.00 w/ASB card \$130.00 w/out**  
– *After school at the Student Store (2:55 - 3:55pm)*
- 4/9: **Grad Nite ticket FINAL SALE -\$130.00 w/ASB or \$135.00 w/out**  
– *After school at the Student Store (2:55 - 3:55pm)*
- TBD: 4.0 Recognition Event, TBD (by invitation only).

--- **MAY** ---

- 5/4: **PROM**  
- Hacienda Reyes  
5801 Hacienda Ranch Rd. Palmdale, CA 93551  
5:00 – 10:00 pm (check-in starts at 4:30 pm and doors close at 6:00 pm)  
**AVHS students and Guests must have a current school I.D. or California ID for non-high school students.**
- 5/6 - 5/17: AP Testing
- 5/15: Senior Awards Night, 6:00 p.m., Large Gym (by invitation only)
- 5/17: **Grad Nite – Six Flags Magic Mountain (8:00pm - 3:00am)**  
- Meet in the 900s row of classrooms at 4:00pm. for check-in.  
- Buses leave promptly at 5:30pm.  
- **Must have your student ID and be on time for check-in.**
- 5/24: Cap decor drawing/reference photo approval by 4:00pm in Activities Office
- 5/29 - 5/30: Senior Finals

--- **JUNE** ---

- 6/3: **Senior Check Out** – Must come with your Civics/Economics teacher  
- MUST have your student ID  
- All outstanding student charges must be paid in full to complete check-out.  
- Cap & Gown and Graduation Tickets (4 complimentary per graduating senior) will be distributed during the check-out process.
- 6/3: **Senior Sunset** – Softball Field @ TBD.
- 6/4: **Graduation Practice** - Large Gym - 8:45am., **MUST BE ON TIME.**  
- **Graduating** seniors only, MUST have your student ID and Grad Card.
- 6/5: Senior Breakfast – Cafeteria @ 8:30am.
- 6/5: **Graduation Practice** - Large Gym - 8:45am., **MUST BE ON TIME.**  
- **Graduating** seniors only, MUST have your student ID and Grad Card
- 6/6: **GRADUATION!!!**  
**Graduating Seniors meet in the Large gym at 4:30pm.**  
**(w/ cap & gown, *be on time with your student ID & Grad Card*)**

NOTE: **All dates and activities are subject to change. All changes will be posted on the website**