



Decorated Graduation Caps Student Proposal

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Who We Are



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About the proposal

The approval of decorating and wearing graduation caps is important because it would allow the Class of 2026 and its posterity to:

- **Celebrate & honor personal achievements**
- **Embrace & recognize culture & heritage**
- **Foster individuality, confidence, and creativity, setting us up for future success**

Local Schools that allow Decorated Caps

Norwalk High School

Confirmed via
High School Principal
(Patrick Kania)

New Riegel High School

Confirmed via
High School Principal
(Valerie Zeno)

Fostoria High School

Confirmed via
Senior Intervention
Specialist (Amy Koomen)

Mohawk High School

Confirmed via
Senior Class Counselor
(Lisa Zellner)

Tiffin University

Confirmed via
website.

Most Accredited Universities

Most universities across the
nation allow graduates the
option to decorate their caps.

Addressing opposing concerns



Uniformity

Personalized tassels, sashes, and stoles are **already available** for academic and cosmetic purposes.



Permanence

Students will be required to design a **mortarboard cover** in the event the design must be removed.



Integrity

Students who decorate **must** abide by **a set of approved guidelines** to ensure a respectful and honorable ceremony.

Caps Guidelines (subject to change)

- **Designs must follow the school dress code.**
- Designs must not obstruct the tassel, or interfere with the cap's functionality.
- Designs must not outwardly protrude or extend, or otherwise obstruct the view or personal space of other people.
- Designs should be stable and sturdy. Any and all ornaments or decorations must be secured and unable to independently detach.

Graduates MUST get pre-approval for Cap Designs prior to ANY alterations.

- Designs should be submitted to the main office via paper OR Mrs. Tuite via email no later than Friday, May 1st (?).
- Students will receive approval via an email from Mrs. Tuite within 1 week (?) of submission.
- If your design is rejected, you may resubmit a different design. **You can not wear a rejected design on your cap for the ceremony.**

Graduates are required to **decorate a mortarboard cover** rather than the cap itself, in the event of being asked to remove the design prior to the ceremony.

If a graduate reports to the ceremony with a rejected or unapproved cap design, they will be asked to remove the design and may be unable to participate in the ceremony.

Current Board Policy

Code IKFB “Graduation Exercises”

“... 6. Students participating in the ceremony
must wear the prescribed cap and gown.”

“...Students whose decorum is disruptive or
brings undue attention to themselves may not
be awarded their diploma at the
commencement exercises.”

Thank You
for listening to our
proposal.

Questions?