

July 18, 2022

Dear Graduation Ceremony Candidate and Parent/Guardian:

This letter informs you of our plans and procedures for this year's summer graduation ceremony. Visions In Education (Visions) will hold its graduation ceremony on **Tuesday, August 9, 2022**, at Christ Community Church, located at 5025 Manzanita Ave, Carmichael, CA 95608.

- The **ceremony** will begin promptly at **5:30 p.m.** **All candidates planning to participate in the ceremony should arrive wearing their cap and gown no later than 4:30 p.m. for a MANDATORY rehearsal.** Please be sure to eat before the rehearsal. The ceremony will begin immediately after the rehearsal without a break in between; therefore, leave all personal items (purses/bags, flowers, gifts, and valuables) with friends or relatives for safekeeping until after the ceremony.
- **Doors** will be opened to audience members at **5:00 p.m.**
- **Admission to the ceremony is by ticket only.** Please be advised that each participant will be allowed 10 guests. Tickets will be distributed only during graduate checkout (August 5, 2022).

The staff at Visions honors our candidates with a dignified ceremony that will be a memorable event for all who attend and participate. We expect that all participants will behave in a manner that reflects the dignity and significance of this occasion and achievement. Please note that any disruption in the ceremony will result in that person being immediately removed from the auditorium. **Air horns are prohibited and will be confiscated by security personnel.** Christ Community Church has a **no balloon/no food/no beverage** policy.

The design of Christ Community Church is not conducive to pictures being taken by audience members; therefore, a professional photographer has been hired to take a picture of each participant on stage receiving their diploma. You will have the option to receive a preview of the photograph by mail or email and may purchase prints directly from the photographer. Students can register with Campus Candids to receive a copy of their graduation picture in the mail and see it online at <http://www.gradfotonetwork.com/register>. There is no obligation to purchase images. Professional senior portraits are not offered by Vision. Graduates who wish to have senior pictures taken must make individual arrangements.

Please be sure to complete all items on the enclosed **Graduation Checklist 2022**, which provides the procedures and requirements for students to complete before Graduate Checkout on August 5, 2022. **Cap, gown, and tassel must be purchased** during graduate checkout. **The cost is \$30, payable in cash only.**

Seniors are reminded that participation in the ceremony depends on maintaining good academic standing and being academically cleared by their counselor. In addition, students must fulfill all

requirements for a diploma **prior** to participating in the ceremony. For any questions about your graduation status, please contact the counseling office at (916) 883-1607. **For additional information and answers to common questions, please read and review all enclosures or send us an email at graduation@viedu.org.**

The entire Visions staff wishes you the best in your future endeavors. We are proud of your success and look forward to sharing this special occasion with you.

Sincerely,



Dr. Steve Olmos
Superintendent

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Enclosures:

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Graduation Checklist 2022

Prior to Graduate Checkout Dates

- Students attending Community College:** Must submit a letter from their instructor or an official transcript to their Visions counselor by August 4, 2022, to participate in the commencement ceremony.
- Please return all computers, printers, and other checked-out technical equipment to the Student Technology Services (STS) Department,** located at 2415 Walnut Ave, Ste. A, located in the same parking lot as our main office. Normal business hours are 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on weekdays. STS may be reached at 916-883-1624. It is helpful to bring the checkout list you received from STS when the equipment was issued to you.
- Return all other outstanding materials (novels/paperbacks, etc.) provided to you by Visions.** A list of outstanding books may be found on the “returnables” list that you can see by logging into your Launchpad account. All materials should be returned to the Ordering Services Department at 5030 El Camino Ave, Carmichael, CA 95608.
- Graduate Checkout:** Attend graduate check-out on August 5, 2022, during the assigned time slots.

Graduate Checkout 2022		
Date(s)	Location	Time
August 5, 2022	Visions' Learning Center: 2415 Walnut Ave., Ste B, Carmichael, CA 95608 (Visions and STS Dept. will be open during checkout to collect payments, materials, and computers)	10 am - 4 pm (drop-in)

At Graduate Checkout

- Purchase Cap & Gown:** Graduates participating in the ceremony must purchase a cap, gown, and tassel for **\$30.00 CASH ONLY**, No personal checks for payment.
- Pick-up graduation guest tickets:** Each graduate will be given up to six guest tickets. Tickets are unique to each ceremony and only valid for the commencement ceremony listed on the ticket. Only guests are required to have a ticket for entry into the ceremony; participating graduates do not need a ticket. Children under age 3 who will sit on a guardian's lap during the ceremony do not require a ticket.
- Photo Booth:** A photo booth is provided for graduates to take a picture with their own device. A cap and gown will be available for use.

Graduation Day August 9, 2022

- Attend Mandatory Rehearsal:** Please eat **PRIOR** to the rehearsal, as there will not be a break between the rehearsal and the ceremony.

Ceremony Expectations

Please read and know these expectations:

1. Follow ALL the Christ Community Church Requirements:

- **Air horns are forbidden:** The disruption that air horns cause inhibits the names of graduates from being heard by the crowd. If an audience member is found to be using an air horn, security will be notified, the air horn will be confiscated, and the person using it may be removed from the center. Please inform your guests, and do what you can to help support this policy.
- **COVID-19:** As of April 1, 2022, the California Department of Public Health no longer requires a negative COVID test or vaccination card to enter mega-events. Family and students will no longer be required to present proof of vaccination or negative COVID-19 tests before the entrance. This is subject to change based on recommendations from local health officials. Please continue to check the [Graduation 2022 Information](#) page on the WIRE leading up to graduation.
- **Masks:** Protective face masks will not be required but may be worn. This is subject to change based on recommendations from local health officials. Please continue to check the [Graduation 2022 Information](#) page on the WIRE leading up to graduation.
- **Food:** There is **no food or beverages other than water allowed**. Please consume your food/drink before entering the building.
- **Balloons:** No balloons will be **permitted inside Christ Community Church**. Families must leave balloons in their vehicles.
- **Flowers:** Families are allowed to bring flowers inside.



- ### 2. Graduates must cross the stage individually.
- Due to safety concerns, children cannot accompany graduates during the ceremony. Steps will be taken by Visions staff and facility security to ensure the safety of all our graduates and guests and to prevent children from crossing the stage with graduates. (Also, please wear appropriate shoes to walk up and down several stairs, some of which have dimmed lighting; high heels are not advised.)



- ### 3. Inappropriate or disruptive actions may result in removal from the auditorium.
- The ceremony is intended to celebrate and honor the achievement of our graduates and our guests' roles in supporting their honorees. Please be aware that disruptive or inappropriate actions by graduates or audience members may result in the individual's removal from the ceremony and the center; consequently, for graduates, this would result in the individual being denied their diploma at the graduation ceremony.



- ### 4. Please make arrangements to arrive for rehearsal and stay until the end of the ceremony.
- Graduates are not permitted to leave the ceremony early. Be sure you inform your guests (and your ride) that you cannot leave early.

