

Class of 2027 Senior Bulletin: An A to Z Guide

Links to Class of 2027 information are also on our website at

www.ocsarts.net/12thGrade



- **Awards Celebrations:**

- Academic GPAs for awards are locked after the 7th semester (mid-senior year).
- **Academic Distinction & Seal of Biliteracy Awards:** Tuesday, May 18, 2027, at 12 p.m., outside at the Symphony Hall steps.
 - *Valedictorian with Distinction:* 4.5+ AGPA (gold medallion/gold ribbon)
 - *Valedictorian:* 4.0–4.49 AGPA (silver medallion/gray ribbon)
 - *Salutatorian:* 3.75–3.99 AGPA (bronze medallion/white ribbon)
 - *Seal of Biliteracy:* Certificate and diploma seal
- **Senior Awards Night (Invitation Only):** Thursday, May 20, 2027, at 6:30 p.m. at the Margaret A. Webb Theatre.
- **National Honors / Club Awards:** Presented during end-of-year club meetings.

- **College Applications / Community Colleges:**

- Counselors have put together these [Class of 2027 College Application Tips](#).
- Students planning on community college should track early Fall 2027 registration dates, priority registration, transfer policies, and honors programs.

- **College Entrance Exams:**

- Four-year college applicants must finish testing by the December test date at the latest (check Early Action/Decision rules for earlier deadlines).
- Registration is managed via [College Board](#) (SAT) and [ACT](#). Verify whether schools are test-optional and check with your OCSA counselor for guidance.

- **Diploma & Graduation Name Verification:**

- Students (not parents) must verify contact details in Aeries and submit information in the required [Diploma & Graduation Name Verification form](#) by Monday, October 5, 2026.
- Diplomas require legal first, middle, and last names; nicknames/aliases are not permitted.

- **Grad Night 2027:**

- **Event Details:** Tentatively set for June 4–5, 2027, at Disney California Adventure Park.
- **Transportation:** Mandatory bus travel from OCSA (check-in tentatively at 1 p.m. Friday, returning tentatively at 3 a.m. Saturday).
- **Ticketing:** Included with Senior Packages A and B. Individual tickets must be bought on MySchoolBucks by Sunday, March 7, 2027 (no late sales or refunds).

- **Graduation & Ticket Distribution:**

- **Ticket Distribution:** Every senior receives up to 6 free tickets distributed alongside caps, gowns, and photos on Tuesday, May 25, 2027 (12:00–1:05 p.m.).
- **Limits:** 6 tickets is the absolute maximum per student; no extra tickets or waitlists are offered by Student Services. Unneeded tickets can be shared directly with peers.
- **Ceremony:** Tentatively set for Thursday, June 3, 2027, at 6 p.m. at Cottonwood Church in Los Alamitos, with rehearsal that morning.

- **Graduation Policy:**
 - Participating in commencement is a privilege dependent on meeting academic, attendance, and behavioral requirements.
 - Diplomas are issued post-ceremony once all textbooks are returned and fees are paid.
 - Students who fail to meet graduation requirements by the end of their senior year have up to one calendar year to complete outstanding requirements and receive a high school diploma.
- **Panoramic Picture:**
 - The photo shoot is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 10, 2027**, at 10:45 a.m.
 - Photos are available via Senior Packages or for separate purchase on [MySchoolBucks.com](https://myschoolbucks.com).
- **Recommendation Letter Requests:**
 - If your college requires a Counselor Letter of Recommendation, please submit your request to your counselor **at least four weeks before your first application deadline**. For a printable deadlines PDF, click [here](#).
 - Requests must be submitted officially via the Common Application or the specific college portal.
- **Senior Ads:**
 - Yearbook senior ads must be created and purchased by **Monday, January 11, 2027**. Information can be found [here](#).
- **Senior Packages / Cap & Gown Orders:**
 - [Senior packages](#) are sold on [MySchoolBucks.com](https://myschoolbucks.com) to purchase bundled items at a discount.
 - **Senior Package A (\$573, saves \$200):** Includes a yearbook, cap/gown/tassel, Grad Night, class ring, panoramic photo, and a senior-designed T-shirt. Ring selections must be finalized at <https://socalgrad.com/ocsa-package-a/> after purchase.
 - **Senior Package B (\$444, saves \$51):** Includes the same items as Package A except for the class ring.
 - **Package Deadline:** **Monday, November 30, 2026**, at 8:59 p.m.
 - **Individual Purchases:** Individual cap and gown orders, rings, announcements, apparel, and extra mementos are available at <https://socalgrad.com/ocsa>.
 - **Cap & Gown Policy:** Only the official black cap and gown with a silver tassel from SoCalGrad is permitted.
- **Senior Portraits:**
 - Families are responsible for arranging individual senior portraits independently, as OCSA does not contract with a specific photographer.
 - When choosing senior portraits and baby photos, please consider that they will be used in the slideshow at graduation.
- **Transcript Requests:**
 - **Common Application:** Request transcripts directly via [MySchoolBucks.com](https://myschoolbucks.com).
 - **Direct/UC/Cal State:** Order via [Parchment.com](https://parchment.com). (UC and Cal State schools only need transcripts if specifically requested or upon enrollment confirmation).
 - Transcripts must be ordered early to meet deadlines.
- **Yearbook Submissions:**
 - Senior portraits, quotes, and baby photos must be submitted online by **Monday, January 11, 2027** at www.ocsarts.net/SeniorYearbookInfo. No late submissions or exceptions will be granted.