

Sierra Middle School

8th Grade Promotional Ceremonies

May 31, 2017 @ 6pm

"BLACK AND WHITE BALL"

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The promotional ceremony will be held on the South lawn between Sierra and Lincoln High School. A limited amount of parking is available on Stanton Way with overflow parking available in the Lincoln High School Parking Lot. There are a limited number of chairs set up for students and guests. No ticket is needed to enter.

Photography

Parents are asked to refrain from taking photographs during the ceremony. A professional photographer has been hired, and will take a photograph of each promotee as he/she receives his/her certificate. These will be provided (free of charge — courtesy of PTSA) to each student on the last day of school. Additional pictures can be ordered online.

Rehearsal A Must!

Promotional rehearsal will be held the day of promotional, May 31, 7:50 - 2:30. It is important that your student be present for the entire rehearsal. Please do not schedule outside appointments during this time.

Dance Information

Immediately after the ceremony, all promoted 8th grade SMS students are invited to a dance/party to be held in the Sierra Multi-Purpose Room. The dance ends at 10:00 P.M. No students will be released prior to that time unless parents have made arrangements in advance with Mr. Tatum and have proper ID at the time of pick up. We regret that students who do not meet the promotional requirements will not be eligible to participate in the ceremony or the dance. It is the hope of the promotional committee that all students feel comfortable participating in these celebrations.

Restrictions

Culminating ceremonies at the end of high school and college are true graduations and should be kept special. With this in mind: formal dresses, including strapless dresses, tuxedos and limousines are inappropriate for our promotional. **Students not adhering to dress standards will not be permitted to**

participate. If in doubt, ask well before the day of the promotional, so you don't spend money on clothing which is inappropriate for the ceremony.

Dress Requirements

You must adhere to the Promotional Dress Requirements in order to participate.

Boys

- Dressy sport clothes (not formal — no tuxedos)
- Long pants — preferably slacks (no jeans or shorts)
- Shirt with a collar (ties optional)
- Shoes closed (no sandals)

Girls

- Dressy clothes (no formals)
- Blouse/skirts, dresses or slacks/dress pants.
- **No** shorts, mini skirts, formals (including floor length) or strapless, spaghetti strap, or off-the-shoulder dresses (will be asked to change)
- Dress shoes (low heels) (no more than 2 inches will be permitted. It is difficult to walk on grass in heels!)(Students will be asked to change)

Dinner

At the dance, dinner will be served to all students in attendance (vegetarian option will be available).

Donations

We are looking for donations gift cards for Home Depot, Lowe's, Michaels, and Hobby Lobby. Please bring all donations to the office.

Volunteers

Volunteers to chaperone the dance and help set-up are also needed (7th grade parents normally fill this role). Please contact Ms. McLemore at cmclmore@lusd.net to volunteer.