



Dakota Ridge High School  
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Dear Dakota Ridge High School Senior and Parents,

Your high school education is rapidly coming to a close. Congratulations from the staff and faculty at Dakota Ridge High School.

Dakota Ridge High School is pleased to invite all graduates to participate in our Commencement exercises. Please understand that these are formal ceremonies structured in the traditional manner. Enclosed you will find a summary of coming events including graduation. Participation in these activities is completely voluntary. After you have reviewed the summary, you will be asked to indicate whether you wish to participate. While participation is optional and not required for the issuance of a diploma, there are expectations for the dress and the behavior of all who choose to participate.

We are committed to providing a graduation ceremony where students will have their place in the spotlight. The graduation committee has worked hard to provide an opportunity for each graduate to be recognized. The staff at Dakota Ridge feels strongly that no one should be allowed to disrupt or distract from any student's recognition or the honors accorded to the class as a whole. We are asking for appropriate audience behavior, both from the graduates, friends and family in attendance.

Because we feel so strongly about providing recognition for each graduate and for a dignified ceremony, any student causing a disruption or behaving inappropriately will be removed from the ceremony immediately.

Understanding the nature of our Graduation Ceremony should help students and families decide if they wish to participate. We ask that both the parent and student indicate their choice on the enclosed contract, understanding both our expectations and possible consequences. Students choosing not to participate in the Graduation Ceremonies may pick up their diploma at Dakota Ridge High School on May 24th between 9-11 a.m. Any senior not returning a signed contract will not be permitted to participate in the Graduation Exercises. Contracts need to be turned in to the main office by April 12<sup>th</sup>.

We are extremely proud of the legacy the senior class has left Dakota Ridge High School. This class has set high standards and positive traditions for future classes to follow. We would like for their closing ceremonies to match that level of achievement. Congratulations to each member of the graduating class.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Jelinek".

James A. Jelinek, Ph.D.  
Principal