



## Cap Decoration Guidelines

### Dauphin County Technical School

You will get your cap and gown on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at our 1<sup>st</sup> MANDATORY practice.

You do NOT have to decorate your cap; however, please take into consideration the following rules if you choose to decorate your graduation cap.

#### What is permitted on your cap:

- ‘Thank you’ to a relative, teacher, or friend who helped you get to this point
- Recognition of the post-secondary institution you will be attending / your program of study
- Class of 2026 / ‘26
- Branch of military you will be joining
- Your CTE program or the job you are hoping to obtain
- The logo/name of the company that has hired you
- A positive, up-lifting message

#### What is not permitted:

- Any advertisement, symbols, abbreviations, initials, words, slogans, patches, or pictures that refer to drugs, controlled substances, tobacco, alcohol, or weapons; or is of a sexual nature
- Symbols affiliated with gangs; or which advocate drug use, violence, illegal activity, or disruptive behavior which is detrimental to the safety and welfare of others
- Political endorsements; including flags of any kind
- “RIP” or “Rest in Peace” acknowledgements
- Obscenity, lewdness, vulgarity, or profanity
- Numbers other than 2026 or ‘26
- Threats to the safety and welfare of any person
- Any decorations hanging from the bottom of the mortar board. **The tassel is the only thing to hang from your cap.** (*No bows, ribbons, flowers may be hanging from the cap*)
- 3D decorations. Your cap and all decorations must lay flat and NOT add extra weight.

Graduation caps will be reviewed and approved in advance of the ceremony. If your cap is not approved, you will be given a different/blank cap to wear for the ceremony.

If you are not sure if your cap will be approved, ask or e-mail Mrs. Glotfelter @ [cglotfelter@dc-tech.org](mailto:cglotfelter@dc-tech.org)