

# **KNOW BEFORE YOU GO**



# **FAQs**

#### CAN I USE MY ANNUAL PASS OR EMPLOYEE ID TO GAIN ADMISSION TO GRAD BASH?

No. Grad Bash is a hard ticketed event that is sold separately. In order to attend Grad Bash you must purchase a Grad Bash Ticket.

# HOW DO WE KNOW SPECIFICALLY WHERE TO ARRIVE AND DEPART FROM THE EVENT?

Four weeks prior to the event, schools will be sent an information packet including everything there is to know about your Grad Bash experience including specific arrival and departure locations. The color of the event wristbands correspond to your departure location.

#### ARE THERE RESTRICTIONS ON PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION?

Any prescription medication must be in the original prescription container and only the dosage needed for the senior's visit is allowed. The senior's name must be printed on the label and a valid picture ID is required. Also, seniors may carry inhalers, EpiPens, insulin and other necessary medications, but proper prescription documentation is required.

## WHAT IF I HAVE A STUDENT/CHAPERONE ARRIVING LATE OR WHO NEEDS EARLY DEPARTURE FROM THE EVENT?

Since Grad Bash a special after-hours school event, we do have a "lock-down" policy. Due to the "lock-down" policy and safety considerations, everyone, including chaperones, will have to stay in the parks until the event ends. Seniors and chaperones must arrive to Grad Bash as a group.

We understand that school responsibilities and family obligations may cause a senior/chaperone to arrive late or leave early; this is permitted with strict parameters - APPROVAL FROM THE SENIOR ADVISOR AND THE GRAD BASH TEAM.

#### **LATE ARRIVALS**

- The Senior Advisor must be present to meet the parent or legal guardian of the senior as well as a chaperone at the designated transfer area in order to access Grad Bash.
- If the Senior Advisor is not present we will need to contact them and request their presence.

#### **EARLY DEPARTURES**

- The Senior Advisor must escort the senior to a designated transfer area and a parent or legal guardian must be present in order for a senior to be released from the park. Same applies for chaperones as we need approvals from the Senior Advisor that they are okay to leave.
- If the Senior Advsior is not present we will need to contact them and request their presence.

IF YOU HAVE A CIRCUMSTANCE WHERE YOU HAVE A LATE ARRIVAL/EARLY DEPARTURE, PLEASE CONTACT THE GRAD BASH TEAM TWO WEEKS BEFORE YOUR VISIT DATE AT 407-363-8223.

#### IS THERE A DRESS CODE?

Seniors should wear comfortable clothing that lets them have fun while still looking their best.



# DRESS CODE

ALL SCHOOLS SHOULD CONDUCT THEIR OWN SECURITY AND DRESS CODE SCREENING PRIOR TO DEPARTING FOR GRAD BASH.

# OK

#### **GIRLS**

- Dresses, skirts, capris or shorts
- Casual pants (including jeans)
- Casual blouses and tops
- Comfortable shoes (including tennis shoes, dress sandals, boots and flip-flops)
- Purses under the size of 8.5" x 5.5" and fanny packs

#### **GUYS**

- Casual pants or shorts (including khakis and jeans)
- Shirts with sleeves (polos, dress and t-shirts)
- Comfortable shoes (including tennis shoes, boots and flip-flops)

#### **CHAPERONES**

Large backpacks

# **NOT OK**

#### **UNACCEPTABLE ATTIRE**

- Clothing with holes or shredding
- Clothing with obscene, offensive language or graphics
- Visible undergarments
- Tank tops or undershirts
- Clothing that exposes excessive portions of the skin that may be viewed as inappropriate at a school function (e.g., bikini tops and bottoms)
- Short shorts
- · Area codes displayed on clothing
- Accessories such as chains, spiked collars or studded/spiked belts
- High School, College and Professional team name or logos
- Hats

\*Universal Orlando reserves the right to refuse entry into the event or require the purchase of appropriate clothing for non-compliance with the dress code.



### **ARRIVAL**

#### **UPON ARRIVING TO GRAD BASH**

Seniors cannot drive themselves to the event. We ask that all seniors and chaperones put on their wristbands and have their tickets before exiting the buses.

- Seniors will be assigned solid color wristbands.
- Please have your seniors take a picture of their tickets on their cell phones in case they lose them.
- Chaperones will be assigned a checkered wristband which provides access to the chaperone lounges and Express ride access to participating rides and attractions.
- Ensure you have enough Grad Bash tickets and wristbands for all seniors and chaperones. If you did not receive enough wristbands, they will be available at each of our arrival location's Chaperone Check-In Table.

#### **CHAPERONE CHECK-IN**

Upon entry, the Senior Advisor should immediately report to the Head Chaperone Check-In Table at your school's arrival location.

- Each school must designate ONE Senior Advisor to check in. They must also provide primary and secondary cell phone numbers in case of a student issue. We ask that the two designated chaperones check their cell phones frequently and set their phones to both vibrate and audible ring.
- For your safety, Roller Coaster Attractions do NOT allow anyone to carry cell phones with them. If you're a Chaperone, please ensure that we can reach someone from your school in case of an emergency.

#### **EVENT ENTRY**

When entering Grad Bash both seniors and chaperones will go through a security check that includes passing through a metal detector. Security will also be screening seniors and chaperones for the following prohibited items:

- Alcohol
- Illegal drugs
- Cigarettes, E-cigarettes, or tobacco items
- Weapons
- Any chains, spiked collars, and spiked belts
- Any accessories that may be used as weapons

All unauthorized items will be confiscated by Security.

#### **CHAPERONE COMMAND CENTER**

Location will be indicated on the Grad Bash Event Guide.

This is the main location to report to in case of any student issue.



## **DURING THE EVENT**

## ARE THERE ANY SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR OUR CHAPERONES DURING GRAD BASH?

Yes, at least one of your chaperones must be on duty throughout the entire event. Please be sure chaperones check cell phones frequently. Chaperones may not leave the event until park close except for an emergency. Chaperones are required to make sure that seniors follow the event policies throughout the entire evening. This is considered a school event, so all school rules and regulations should be enforced by all chaperones.

#### WHAT KIND OF SECURITY WILL BE PRESENT?

All bags, pockets and other items are checked for any illegal substances and weapons. For everyone's security, metal detectors are used to check guests at the event entrance. All questionable items will be confiscated at the gate. Security is visibly present throughout the park during the event.

#### **CHAPERONE LOUNGES**

We invite you to take a break and relax at one of two chaperone-only lounges featuring complimentary light snacks and beverages. (location indicated in Grad Bash Event Guide). A checkered wristband is required for entry.

#### UNIVERSAL EXPRESS™ RIDE ACCESS

Universal Express<sup>™</sup> allows chaperones to skip the regular lines at select rides and attractions at both parks. Express access at the attractions will begin at 7 pm. Please go to the Universal Express<sup>™</sup> entrances at each participating ride or attraction and show the ride attendant your checkered chaperone wristband to gain exclusive access.

\*Valid during Grad Bash only. Unlimited ride access limited to one person per wristband. Some attractions excluded. Benefits are subject to change without notice. Additional restrictions may apply.

#### **HEALTH SERVICES (FIRST AID)**

The Health Services Department will be fully staffed throughout the event. In the event of injury, illness or medical needs, Health Services can be found at Islands of Adventure and Universal Studios theme parks. Please refer to the Grad Bash Event Guide for Health Services locations. Should a senior require medical attention, the Senior Advisor will be called and then directed to the appropriate location.

#### **MEAL VOUCHERS**

The Youth Programs Universal Dining Card is available for purchase prior for \$17.04 (tax inclusive). It is valid for one (1) Quick Service combo meal (one entrée platter, one combo extra + one non-alcohol beverage). Check the Grad Bash Event Guide for participating dining locations. Dining cards are like cash; do not lose them.



### **DEPARTURE**

#### **EXIT LOCATIONS**

Departure locations will be color coded to match the school's wristband color.

- Detailed departure locations will be sent to the Senior Advisor prior to the event.
- These color-coded exit areas will also be shown on the Grad Bash Event Guide and additional signage will be placed throughout the event towards the end of the evening.

#### **EARLY RELEASE**

Though we do not encourage early release of a senior or chaperone, there may be special circumstances to leave the event early with pre-approval from the school's Senior Advisor and from The Grad Bash Team.

- The Senior Advisor must escort the student to a designated transfer area and a parent or legal guardian must be present in order for a student to be released from the park.
- Same applies for chaperones as we need approvals from the Head Chaperone that they are allowed to leave.
- If the Head Chaperone is not present we will need to contact them and request their presence.

If you have a circumstance where you have a student that needs to leave the park early, please contact the Grad Bash Team at 1-800-YOUTH15 or <a href="mailto:GradBash@UniversalOrlando.com">GradBash@UniversalOrlando.com</a> within two weeks prior to their event night.

#### **BUS LOADING**

If any seniors are missing once your group boards your bus, a Chaperone should contact a Security representative at your departure location

- Once you arrive at your exit locations parking lot, there will be Grad Bash staff and directional signage to your parking location.
- Please be patient with the departure process as the schools safety is our number 1 priority.