



LAKE COUNTY NARCOTICS AGENCY

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P.L.U.S. Parent's Guide Lesson 15 Graduation Information

P.L.U.S. Graduations

School

Location

Date

General Information about Graduation

Parents, would you please go over the following information with your son or daughter? The P.L.U.S. officer has spoken about this during class, and the two biggest issues the students have are: 1) having to *dress up* and 2) wearing *tennis shoes* with nice clothes. The shoe issue is a safety issue involving students going up and down stairs and onto and off of a stage area that they are not used to. We have had students slip and fall while being very excited and not paying attention to unfamiliar shoes. There is also a noise issue caused with hard soled shoes. The students will be moving around quite a bit during the ceremony and keeping the foot traffic noise to a minimum is essential. Your support with these requests is appreciated.

1) **Proper Student Attire:**

- Please dress up more than you would for school. No need to wear a dress or suit, but you should be looking nice.
- The following is a list of apparel you **are NOT ALLOWED to wear***:
 - **No Blue Jeans** (Black jeans, Green jeans, Red jeans, etc. are okay but not recommended)
 - **No Shorts or Capris.** ("Skorts" or "Culottes" are okay as long as they do not look like shorts).
 - **No Sports Jerseys or Sleeveless Shirts. No T-shirts** exposed to the outside (Boys - shirt with a collar / Girls - blouse without a collar is okay).
 - **No Sweat shirts, Sweat pants, Jogging/Athletic pants, or Workout suits.**
 - **No clothing with Holes.**
 - No clothes or jewelry **representing Drugs** in any manner.

** Any of the above clothing can get you dismissed from the graduation.*

- **Shoes:** The best shoes you can wear are **tennis shoes or soft-soled shoes**. They are safe, quiet and comfortable. Please do not wear **high heels** or shoes with hard soles. They are slippery, dangerous and make too much noise.

2) **Behavior**

- Our graduation is like a Pep-rally/Graduation combined. There are times when the children must listen as well as times to yell and cheer. Caution: we do not want the students to get into "competition" with other schools to see who can make the most noise.
- The students will know when it's appropriate to cheer and when they need to listen. Please pay attention.

3) **Arrival for Graduation**

- Students will need to be at the graduation **location 1/2 hr.** before the graduation is scheduled to begin.
- Students will go to the assigned area and **stay there** with their class.
- The teachers will line up students in alphabetical order according to class and that is how they will enter the graduation.

4) **Parent Evaluation - We will be asking parents to evaluate our P.L.U.S. program.**

- Upon your arrival at the graduation find an evaluation form at an entrance door.
- Please fill out the evaluation while you are waiting for the graduation to begin.
- There will be boxes at the pick-up locations for you to leave your completed evaluations.
- These evaluations will help us make P.L.U.S. a better program for the youth of Lake County.

A FINAL NOTE to PARENTS

All of the P.L.U.S. Officers and I would like to thank you for the help and support shown through the homework assignments you completed with your children. I hope that as each assignment came along the discussions with your child grew more interesting.

I know that my sons always amaze me with the information they have picked up. But, what amazes me even more is how they interpret the information they have gathered. Most of the time it's not the information, but what they think it means, that scares me. As a parent, staying in touch with how my sons see the world takes time, interest, and conversation with them. Today more than ever before, communication with our children is vital. As the final line of the graduation skits says, "*Mom and Dad, let's keep sharing!*"

If you have comments, suggestions, questions or concerns about P.L.U.S. please feel free to contact me at 440-350-3302. And, if at some later date you have concerns or issues involving drugs please feel free to get in touch and I will help you as much as I can.

Thanks so much for all your help!

Sincerely:

Officer George Willis

Officer George "Pat" Willis – Community Drug Education Supervisor