This Handbook provides specific information regarding activities and procedures to follow for the senior class. The RAHS staff looks forward with excitement to the senior activities for the Class of 2015, culminating with Graduation at the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium, Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at 3:00 pm.

All Senior Activities are a privilege. Students must be in good standing by meeting all graduation requirements, not being on social probation, accumulating no more than 36 periods of truancy/cuts, and clearing all financial obligations to participate in the ceremony. If graduating mid-year or entering RAHS 2nd semester, no more than 18 periods of truancy/cuts are permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony.

The students, staff, and parents have spent many hours planning these events and making this information available to you. These RAHS sponsored activities gather the senior class together in their final weeks for celebration and traditional ceremonies such as Senior Awards Night and Graduation.

If you have any questions regarding any of the activities, please consult the Rio Americano website at www.rioamericano.com or contact the Vice Principal’s office at (916)971-7499.
Cap & Gown Distribution  
**Tuesday, June 2, 2015**
Cap and gown orders will be distributed during senior check-out on June 2nd. If the cap and gown is purchased, they are kept by your son or daughter after graduation. If you miss ordering these items, please contact Jostens @ 989-3909 or www.jostensnorcal.com.

Graduation Rehearsal  
**Wednesday, June 3, 2015  11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**
All graduates must participate in the practice session which will be 11 a.m.—1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3rd. Practice can end as late as 1 p.m., allowing only 45 minutes for lunch. We suggest eating before practice or bringing a lunch, since there are no fast food restaurants in the area. Graduates must return from lunch to the Auditorium by 1:45 p.m. on June 3rd. Graduates use special entrance doors (NOT the main entrance); instructions regarding the entrance doors will be given at rehearsal.

Graduation  
**Memorial Auditorium, 3:00 PM**  
**1515 J. Street, Sacramento 95814**  
**Wednesday, June 3, 2015**  
**Graduates report to Auditorium by 1:45 PM**
Graduation is a formal ceremony. Graduates behavior is a direct reflection of themselves, their school, and their families. Graduation robes signify class unity. The ceremony is the Governing Board’s forum to represent the community honoring the graduates of Rio Americano High School. Therefore, all graduates are expected to behave in a manner that respects the formality of the ceremony. Any behavior that draws undue attention to an individual or individuals is not acceptable. **Noisemakers or similar inappropriate distractions are strictly forbidden and may result in removal from ceremony.**

- Students are advised to park in one of the several parking garages near the Auditorium. There is limited metered parking on streets, however there is a two hour parking limit and graduates will not be able to feed the parking meter once practice has begun.

- We advise students not to bring anything to the ceremony that needs safekeeping, such as girls’ purses, since we cannot be responsible for storing or checking items. **No flowers, leis, or balloons are allowed in the Auditorium and may not be worn or carried by graduates. We will not be responsible for flowers, etc. being left in the foyer of the Auditorium.**

- All graduates are to dress appropriately for this formal ceremony. All graduates must purchase and wear the sanctioned cap and gown during the ceremony. Adorning of caps and gowns is prohibited. Each graduate will be checked at entry for proper attire.
  - Men must wear a shirt, tie and dress slacks. Women must wear a dress, slacks or skirt and blouse.
  - Flip-flops, shorts or other casual clothes are not appropriate for the occasion and will not be permitted. Students not dressed to these expectations will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony. Any additional honors, medallions, etc. must be pre-approved by the school to be worn in graduation ceremony.

- Graduates will receive their diploma by reporting to the basement of the Auditorium after the ceremony. Staff will be present to distribute the diplomas.

- After picking up their diplomas, graduates may greet their families and friends outside of the Memorial Auditorium.
**DON’T RISK YOUR PRIVILEGE TO WALK AT GRADUATION…BE ON TIME TO CLASS**

**Truancy Policy**
Any absence from school for one or more periods, or a partial period, without consent of parent(s) or guardian and without prior permission from school, is a truancy. A student tardy to any period in excess of 30 minutes will also be considered truant and must be cleared through the Attendance Office. **Students should check their individual attendance profile by logging on Zangle/Q.**

If a student notices an error, they should immediately get a correction form from the Attendance Office, have the teacher correct the error and turn the form in to the Attendance Office.

Seniors who accumulate 36 or more periods of truancy during the school year will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony and placed on social probation for the remainder of the school year. Seniors enrolled after the 1st semester and mid-year graduates will not participate in the graduation ceremony if they accumulate 18 or more periods of truancy.

**SENIOR REMINDERS**

**School/District Policy**
All RAHS and SJUSD codes and policies will be enforced during the senior activities. The Graduation ceremony and activities are The Class of 2015 events. These activities are not intended to draw attention to any one individual or group. Proper behavior is expected at all times. Any violations of RAHS policies may result in exclusion from some or all senior activities.

**Dress Code**
Dress code policy will be in effect for all activities. Each senior activity may have special dress code conditions. Please refer to the information included in the description of each activity for special dress code. For any questions regarding appropriate dress, please contact your Vice Principal.

**Discipline Obligations**
All seniors must be in good standing to participate in graduation practices, activities, and the ceremony. Seniors must not be on social probation or have any unresolved discipline issues as of June 2, 2015.

**Senior Financial Obligations**
The last day to pay financial obligations is May 29, 2015 before senior checkout. Only cash, cashier’s check or money orders will be accepted after May 15, 2015.
Senior Check Out  
Tuesday, June 2, 2015
All seniors must obtain staff signatures, return books, and pay fines, etc., prior to June 2nd. Check out slips will be available in the Main Office and the Counseling Office starting on Tuesday, May 26, 2015.

7:30 – 8:00 a.m.  
Brownfield students ...... ABERNATHY—BANUELOS
Wilson students .......... GABAEFF—HARRIS
Jensen students .......... O’NEILL—PROHOF SKY

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.  
Brownfield students ...... BARLOW—BRODERICK
Wilson students .......... HAUGEN—JOHNSON
Jensen students .......... PURCELL—SANGHA

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.  
Brownfield students ...... BROWN—COMMANDATORE
Wilson students .......... JONOUBEI—LOFT
Jensen students .......... SAVEA—STOLTZ

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.  
Brownfield students ...... COOK—DUNNING
Wilson students .......... LONERGAN—MEYER
Jensen students .......... STORM—VAN

9:30 – 10:00 a.m.  
Brownfield students ...... DUPZYK—FUHRMAN
Wilson students .......... MICHAEL—NULL
Jensen students .......... VAN REES—ZONCA

2015 Safe and Sober Grad Night Celebration  
Wednesday, June 3rd, 9:30 PM-Thursday, June 4th, 4:30 AM
Come celebrate your graduation night with all your Rio friends. This year, Rio’s Safe and Sober Grad Night is sure to be the party to attend! The details and location are a surprise, but be prepared for lots of fun activities, great music and food. Put on some comfy shorts or sweats, your Rio Grad Night T-shirt (included with ticket purchase), grab your friends and head on over to Rio for this amazing event, buses leave the parking lot at 10:30. Tickets go on sale November 1, 2014 for $75 and will be sold until January 31, 2015. Tickets purchased after January 31 will cost $100.00. Order forms will be available in the school office or on the Rio website under the graduation heading found below the Family and Student Tab. Financial assistance is available.

Bus transportation is mandatory and students will not be permitted to leave the event. No food, tobacco or liquids of any kind may be carried into the premises.

Important Note from the Registrar
TRANSCRIPTS: Interim Transcripts are requested through the Registrar by filling out the Transcript Request Authorization form. Final transcripts are requested during senior check out. Once authorized, the form is retained by the Registrar and students may come in to request transcripts as needed. Transcripts are mailed in June, once final grades are posted by the district.

CAL GRANT: Cal Grant (GPA Verification) is now filed electronically for all SJUSD seniors through the San Juan School District Office. Please refer to www.calgrant.org for more information regarding Cal Grant.

FAFSA: FAFSA can be submitted beginning in January. The deadline for priority submission is March 1. Please refer to www.fafsa.ed.gov for more information regarding the FAFSA.
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| May 9              | 8 — 11 PM          | Location: Elks Tower 921 11th St, #210        | Senior Ball
|                    |                    | Sacto, 95814                                  | Theme: TBA
|                    |                    |                                               | Tickets go on sale late April                                              |
| May 20             | 5:30 – 8:30 PM     | RIO Large Gym                                 | Senior Awards Night                                                        |
| May 31             | 2 PM Matinee       | 5:30 PM Dinner Show RIO Large Gym             | Senior Fashion Show (TENTATIVE)                                            |
| May 26 – May 29    | On Campus          |                                               | Senior Week
|                    |                    |                                               | Fun, food and more                                                         |
| May 27 & 29        |                   |                                               | Senior Finals:
|                    |                   |                                               | Finals 0, 1, 3 Wednesday, May 27                                           |
|                    |                   |                                               | Finals 0, 2, 4 Friday, May 29                                               |
|                    |                   |                                               | Finals 0, 5, 6 Monday, June 1                                               |
| June 1             |                   |                                               | Senior Check Out                                                           |
| June 2             |                   |                                               | Senior Check Out                                                           |
|                    | Check for your     |                                               | Senior Brunch
|                    | assigned time for  | TBA 11AM – 1PM                                                               |
|                    | check out.         |                                               | Location: TBA                                                              |
|                    | Senior Brunch      |                                               |                                                                         |
| June 3             | 11 AM – 1 PM       |                                               | Graduation Rehearsal                                                       |
|                    | 3 PM – 5 PM        |                                               | Graduation Ceremony                                                        |
|                    | Sacramento        |                                               | Minimum School Day (Grades 9-11)                                           |
|                    | Memorial Auditorium|                                               | School Dismissal at 12:25 PM                                              |

**Spring Senior Class Meeting**

(time and date TBA)

Information to be covered during this meeting:
Senior Brunch
Senior Awards
Senior Ball
Senior Sunset
Senior Fashion Show
Grad Night
Vice Principals to review policies and graduation Counseling information for graduation and college

**Advanced Placement Testing**

**May 5-16**

**May 4** – Chemistry; Psychology; Environmental Science
**May 5** – Calculus AB; Calculus BC
**May 6** – English Literature and Composition; Physics 1
**May 7** – Spanish Lang and Culture; Art History; Physics 2
**May 8** – U. S. History; European History
**May 11** – Biology; Music Theory; Physics C Mechanics, Electricity and Magnetism
**May 12** – U.S. Government and Politics; French Language and Culture; Spanish Literature and Culture
**May 13** – English Language and Composition; Statistics
**May 14** – Comparative Government and Politics; World History; Macroeconomics
**May 15** – Microeconomics; Human Geography; Latin