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# Graduation Program Flow

## 1. Prelude or Musical Opening

- Background music plays as guests arrive and take their seats, setting a celebratory and welcoming atmosphere.

## 2. Processional

- Graduates enter the ceremony area, often to the tune of "Pomp and Circumstance," marking the official start of the event.

## 3. National Anthem

- The assembly stands as the national anthem is played or sung, showing respect and patriotism.

## 4. Welcome Remarks

- A designated official, often the school principal or a senior administrator, welcomes attendees, introduces the graduation ceremony, and may offer initial congratulatory remarks to the graduates.

## 5. Invocation or Moment of Reflection

- An invocation or a brief moment of reflection may be included to acknowledge the significance of the occasion and to offer words of wisdom, hope, or prayer for the graduates' futures.

## 6. Commencement Speech

- A keynote speaker, often an esteemed guest, alumnus, or notable public figure, delivers the commencement speech, offering advice, inspiration, and insights to the graduating class.

## **7. Valedictorian/Salutatorian Address**

- The valedictorian and possibly the salutatorian give speeches that reflect on their time at the institution, express gratitude, and look forward to the future.

## **8. Presentation of Graduates**

- Graduates are called individually to receive their diplomas or certificates. This may involve walking across a stage, a handshake with a school official, and a photo opportunity.

## **9. Conferring of Degrees**

- An academic leader officially confers degrees upon the graduates, marking their transition from students to graduates.

## **10. Turning of the Tassel**

- A symbolic act where graduates move their tassel from one side of their cap to the other, signifying their new status as graduates.

## **11. Award Presentations (Optional)**

- Special awards and recognitions for academic excellence, leadership, and other achievements may be presented to distinguished graduates.

## **12. Closing Remarks**

- Closing words from the school principal or another official, offering final congratulations and well-wishes to the graduates.

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### 13. Recessional

- Graduates and faculty exit the ceremony area, often to upbeat music, marking the end of the formal ceremony.

### 14. Reception

- A casual gathering that allows graduates, faculty, family, and friends to celebrate together with refreshments, photo opportunities, and informal interactions.