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Tulare County Office of Education Announces: Graduation Schedule for La Sierra Seniors and Students in Special Services Programs

The Tulare County Office of Education (TCOE) is pleased to announce its graduation schedule for students in both the La Sierra Charter High School and Special Services programs. This year, La Sierra Military Academy in Visalia will graduate 34 seniors and La Sierra High School in Porterville will graduate 21. A schedule of the events is listed below.

June 3 La Sierra High School (Porterville) Graduation

6:00 p.m., Porterville Fairgrounds

For information, call Principal Jan Mekeel at (559) 782-4748

June 4 La Sierra Military Academy (Visalia) Graduation

7:30 p.m., La Sierra Military Academy campus,

1735 E. Houston, Visalia

For information, call La Sierra Administrator/Principal René Moncada at

(559) 733-6963

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Special Services graduations are heartwarming events for families and teachers, as students complete one of several special day class programs in the county. From the age of 16, the major focus of these programs for students with severe handicaps is planning for life after school. Students are focused on learning career awareness, planning vocational objectives and building job skills in order to transition into competitive or sheltered employment. At age 22, students graduate and often enter other community programs like Social Vocational Services, ABLE Industries, Porterville Sheltered Workshop and the Creative Center. A total of 48 students will graduate at the Special Services ceremonies listed below:

May 28 Special Services Graduation (for Visalia and Rural-area programs)

10:00 a.m., Education Center, 2637 W. Burrel, Visalia

For information, call Donna Martin at (559) 733-1993

May 29 Special Services Graduation (for Porterville-area programs)

10:00 a.m., L.B. Hill Learning Center, 1051 S. Plano St., Porterville

For information, call LouAnn Lubben at (559) 781-0843

May 30 Special Services Graduation (for Tulare-area programs)

10:00 a.m., Maple Learning Center, 509 W. Maple, Tulare

For information, call Gary Biggs at (559) 688-2868

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