
Graduation Info

The end of the year is upon us, and graduation is quickly approaching!

There are many things that need to be addressed before that wonderful date. Please take note of all dates and times. Each event is extremely important, and you need to be aware of everything that is happening between now and the end of the year. It is very important that you share this information with your parent/guardian.

This is a very special time. The faculty and staff at Westside High School are very proud of each and every graduate and want to help make this a memorable occasion for every student's family and friends. Please make sure that those who are attending the ceremony understand that horns, whistles, noisemakers, etc. are not allowed. They will be escorted out before and/or during the ceremony if caught with these items.

HONORS DAY

Honors Day will be in the Westside Gym on Tuesday, April 27 at 6:30 pm. Seniors should arrive by 6pm. (No caps for this ceremony).

Only Seniors receiving honors recognition should attend this event. Seniors being recognized will receive an invitation.

This is a night to honor graduates and can be a very special time. Please make plans to attend. **If you have not ordered your cap and gown, please call Jostens.**

FROM GUIDANCE

Students Not Meeting Graduation Requirements --

Mrs. Farrer will make all final telephone calls after final exams and final grades have been submitted by the teachers by Friday, May 14th. Students receiving this telephone call will be unable to participate in the graduation rehearsal or ceremony. Please be mindful of your grades and attendance; each day is important.

Graduation Day Recognitions -- Deadline for Scholarships to Guidance – Friday, May 21. You should submit copies of original letters, e-mails, or college account information to Mrs. Frazier in the Guidance Office.

Final Transcript Request --- Students are responsible for completing their FINAL TRANSCRIPT REQUEST with Mrs. Frazier, the Guidance Secretary. Request will be taken April 26 - May 25. Students must also PAY \$2.00 to have their FINAL TRANSCRIPT request processed for out-of-state schools.

GRADUATION REHEARSAL

Rehearsal will be **Thursday, May 27th at 9:00 a.m.** and last until we get it right! This is extremely important and will be the only rehearsal; therefore, it is **MANDATORY!** This means you should not schedule a beach trip, picnics at the lake, etc. Of course, emergencies may come up and if that happens, call Mr. Smith immediately. This will be the only time to practice what will happen at graduation. If one person is not in attendance, it will throw every line and every other student into a different seat, space, etc. We will practice in the stadium. **Do not be late.** We will stay as long as necessary to get things done in an appropriate manner, so the earlier we start, the earlier we finish. Once again, **MANDATORY!**

GRADUATION DAY

Graduation is Thursday, May 27 in the Westside Stadium. Every graduate needs to be dressed in cap and gown and at their assigned location by **6:15p.m.** The ceremony will begin promptly at 7:00p.m. Please plan accordingly. There are no tardies at graduation. *If you are late, you will not walk the stage.*

If you owe money for lost textbooks, library books, uniforms, or anything else, you MUST pay all fines BEFORE graduation!

DRESS CODE FOR GRADUATION

Young Ladies-

- Dress should not fall below the hem of the gown.
- Black dress shoes, **FLATS ONLY.** Shoes that are not acceptable: flip flops, clogs, shower shoes, tennis shoes.
- Absolutely no facial jewelry/piercings. (This means no nose, lip, cheek, or eyebrow piercings.)
- No “big” hair. The cap needs to fit tightly on the **top** of the head.
- No big earrings-small studs only. You may change as soon as graduation is over.

Young Men-

- Black or navy pants
- Black dress shoes. Shoes that are not acceptable: flip flops, sandals, clogs, boots, tennis shoes.
- White dress shirt with a navy or black tie should be worn.
- Absolutely no facial jewelry or piercings. (This means no nose, lip, cheek, or eyebrow piercings.)

Everyone-

Please take note of all of these requirements. People have been pulled out of line before the ceremony for not being dressed appropriately. Do not take a chance on this happening.

Also, no glitter, paint, etc. on the cap or gown.

If you are not sure or have any questions, please see Ms. Norwood or Mr. Grant.

RCSS Graduate Reminders for the Class of 2021:

- ✓ Dresses/skirts should not be longer than the graduation gown.
- ✓ Caps should be placed squarely on top of heads. No writing/added decoration will be allowed on the caps.
- ✓ Caps will not be thrown at the end of the ceremony.
- ✓ Cell phones are to be in the off position. We prefer that cell phones are not on the stage at all.
- ✓ No attention seeking behaviors while walking across stage to receive diploma covers.
- ✓ Please remember that students will receive diploma covers **ONLY** as they walk across the stage. Upon the completion of a successful graduation, students will be eligible to go downstairs to pick up diplomas before leaving JBA.
- ✓ RCSS not allow balloons or noise makers such as air horns and bells in the stadium.
- ✓ Male students will remove caps before presentation of colors and will return caps to head after the pledge and the color guard has exited the arena.
- ✓ Graduates will not chew gum or eat candy while in the stadium or while on stage.

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