

Senior Commencement Practice - June 5th

When and how will I get my cap & gown? Tomorrow, after the meeting, you will proceed to the cap/gown tables and exchange your completed Senior Clearance Card for your cap and gown. **Please be patient!**

If you did not order a cap & gown, Josten's Co. will have a limited supply available for **\$40 cash**. All graduates participating in the commencement ceremony must wear a WHS cap & gown. If you have a need to borrow a cap and gown, please see Mrs. Bradley in the counseling office TODAY.

Where and when do I arrive? **Be at school by 3:00 PM on Thursday June 7th.** DO NOT BE LATE – WE ARE ON A TIGHT SCHEDULE. Report to your assigned room in J or K building. See lists near the cap & gown pick-up tables during Clearance Card exchange.

In the room you will put on your gown and secure your cap. You will also complete a card with your name spelled phonetically so that the reader can say your name correctly. Your teacher will give you further instructions.

Please note: There will be no rest room breaks once you check in!!

How will I get to the stadium? All graduates will travel by bus to the stadium. We will load the buses in a pre-arranged order. Walk to the buses behind your assigned teacher when called. You will disembark from the bus in a specified order and must again walk behind your assigned (homeroom) teacher into the stadium.

Will there be a bus back to school after commencement? **NO.** If you leave a car at school, you must provide your own transportation back to school to pick it up.

May I change the room I'm assigned to? **NO.** There is a specific order in which graduates names are called and only your assigned teacher on your bus and in your seating area has your diploma. You must report to the assigned room, be on the assigned bus, and march into the stadium behind your assigned teacher. You will have plenty of time to meet up with friends on the field when the ceremony is over.

What do I bring? Bring your cap & gown. It's best if you unwrap your gown as soon as you bring it home tomorrow and hang it up to get the creases out. You can iron it with a warm iron, be careful that the iron is not too hot.

It's also a good idea to bring bobby pins to attach your cap as it is often windy in the stadium. Safety pins are useful to help keep the top of your gown in place.

DO NOT BRING PURSES, OR OTHER ITEMS YOU NEED TO CARRY. Leave these items in your car or with your guests. You may bring your cell phone, but keep it turned off BEFORE and DURING the ceremony.

You may not use a cell phone or other electronic device during the ceremony. If you choose to bring a phone, be advised that your commencement gown has no pockets. You may not carry anything up to the stage except the issued 3x5 name card. With that in mind, keep your cell phone in a pocket underneath your commencement gown, make arrangements for a friend to hold your cell phone in his/her pocket underneath their commencement gown, or do not bring a cell phone at all. We will not be responsible for any lost or stolen phones.

What do I wear? This is a formal ceremony and all participating graduates are expected to wear clothing appropriate for a formal commencement.

Men: Dark, dress slacks (NO shorts, NO jeans). Dress shirt with a button down collar and **TIE**. Dress shoes (NO running shoes, sneakers, sandals or flip-flops).

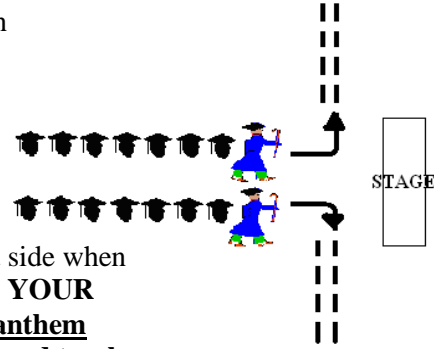
Women: Dress, skirt or dress pants and blouse/top (NO shorts, NO jeans). Follow the school dress code (NO halter or strapless tops or midriff showing). Walkable, dress shoes. Wedge heel shoes or flats are best. You will be doing a lot of walking on turf and up and down ramps. No running shoes, sneakers, or flip-flops.

Can I wear anything on the outside of my gown? Only WHS awards – i.e. Cords and Medallions, or Hawaiian leis that were purchased through Activities may be worn on the outside of your gown. Anything else will be confiscated.

Will I be checked for appropriate dress? YES. Graduates will not be permitted to participate without following the appropriate dress guidelines outlined.

Where will I sit in the stadium? You will walk into the stadium, down the center aisle, behind your assigned teacher, and then sit in the same row as your teacher or in the row directly behind him or her.

The order of seating has been painstakingly arranged to ensure that you walk on stage when your name is called and to ensure that you receive the correct diploma.



You will walk in pairs (2 by 2), and then split into either the left or right side when you get to your row. **BE SURE YOU ARE ON THE SAME SIDE AS YOUR ASSIGNED (homeroom) TEACHER. PLEASE NOTE: National anthem singers must be seated NEXT to and in the SAME row as their assigned teacher for ease in exiting the row to sing (sitting as close to the outside side of your aisle as possible).**

How will I know when to go up to the stage? The counselors will usher graduates. Follow their direction.

How long will the ceremony last? The ceremony will be about one hour in length. Your guests will be invited to come down to the field at the end of the ceremony to congratulate you in person.

If I toss my cap into the air at the end of the ceremony, will I get it back? It's doubtful that you'll get yours back. Many graduates cherish their tassel as a keepsake, so it's a good idea to take it off if you intend to toss your cap. Placing your name on the inside will help with recovering your cap.

Where will my parents and guests sit? What time should they get to the stadium? Gates open at 3:30 PM. They will sit either on the home or visitors side of the stadium. There are no assigned seats. The best seats, in the shade and on the home side, get taken early. The ceremony starts at 5:00 SHARP. Please remind guests there are no early arrivals.

Is there Persons with Disabilities (PWD) parking? Yes, **IF** you **pre-ordered** a PWD parking pass **ON** or **BEFORE** **May 18th** from Mrs. Bradley in counseling and received a confirmation. These spaces are limited and are as close as possible to the stadium, but there still is a fair amount of distance to walk or travel by wheelchair and your guests should allow plenty of time. DMV PWD placards are also accepted for approved parking. Passes will be included with your cap & gown pick-up order.

Is there Persons with Disabilities (PWD) seating? Can all my relatives sit in this area? There are PWD seats reserved on the track at field level, **IF** you **pre-ordered** seats **ON** or **BEFORE** **May 18th** from Mrs. Bradley in counseling. This seating is limited to the PWD guest and one companion. Other guests will need to sit in the stands. Passes will be included with your cap & gown order.

Can my parents and guests take pictures during the ceremony? Yes. However, guests will not be allowed on the field or allowed to block the view by standing along the front railing. At the end of the ceremony your guests will be invited to come down to the field and greet the graduates. This is the best time to take pictures.

The company, South Coast Photographic, will be the official photographer this year. They will be on the field during commencement taking a photograph of each graduate. Go to www.southcoastphotographic.com/buyshots/ to pre-register for notification when the images will be available for viewing, and to order prints. Ordering your commencement photograph(s) is available up to 90 days from the graduation date.

One Last Order of Business: Seniors! Once you leave or graduate from IUSD you will no longer have access to any files in your G-Suite IUSD account. Students leaving or graduating in June, 2018 will have access to their account until August 31, 2018. Please refer to the [IUSD Google Accounts FAQ resource](#) for directions on how to move files to a personal account by visiting: <https://goo.gl/va5XhC> or utilizing the QR code below.



PLEASE NOTE: Commencement is a formal ceremony for those graduates who wish to participate in this event. Any graduate displaying behavior that is not consistent with this formal ceremony as well as district and school rules will be removed.