

Graduation Regalia Standards & Regulations

Broken Arrow High School Class of 2024

In order to ensure a dignified and distinguished graduation ceremony that respects all heritages and religions, the Broken Arrow Public Schools has adopted standards and regulations regarding the regalia that graduates may wear at graduation. All graduates are required to wear a school-approved cap and gown at the commencement ceremony.

Graduates may only wear hoods, stoles, cords, pins or medals that were earned while they were a student at Broken Arrow and were presented to them by a recognized curricular club or organization at Broken Arrow, Tulsa Technology Center, Tulsa Community College, other higher education school, or Broken Arrow Public Schools.

Traditional Graduation Regalia

Please refer to the following rules concerning regalia for curricular clubs and organizations:

- **Graduation Cap/Mortarboard**
 - Nothing may be worn on the graduation cap/mortarboard except the official Broken Arrow graduation tassel which is black and gold.
- **Hoods:** satin material that drapes down the back
 - Hoods may **ONLY** be worn by National Honor Society.
- **Stoles:** satin material that drapes down the front of the gown
 - If your curricular club/organization has a national affiliation, stoles may be worn by all current officers.
 - All stoles must be professionally made with silk-screening or embroidery done for all lettering. No homemade stoles may be worn.
 - Stoles should come to about the waist of the wearer and should not be more than four (4) inches wide.
- **Cords:** thin colored ropes that drape down the front
 - May be worn by all qualified members of all curricular clubs/organizations. Each club may present a single cord. If the club has multiple colors, then the cord needs to be intertwined (twisted) with the multiple colors.
- **Pins & Medals**
 - Medal awards that sometimes have a ribbon may be worn by seniors for accomplishments that have occurred during their high school career as a part of a school-sponsored activity (i.e. Athletics & Fine Arts)
 - Pins earned as a student at Broken Arrow and presented by a recognized curricular club or organization at Broken Arrow, Tulsa Technology Center,

Tulsa Community College, other higher education school or Broken Arrow Public Schools are appropriate. Pins should not be used to make political, religious, cultural or social statements.

Tribal, Religious or Ethnic Heritage Regalia

In an effort to respect all native American tribes, religions and ethnic heritages present in the BAHS student body, students are required to provide the following information **BEFORE** making additions to their traditional graduation regalia. Students who fail to provide this information could be asked to remove the unapproved garments and/or not permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Per BAPS [secondary handbook](#), special circumstances such as cultural clothing must be approved by a principal. Any student graduate at any Broken Arrow High School campus who wishes to represent their tribal, religious or ethnic heritage during the ceremony must follow the below approval process.

- Complete and submit [this application](#) (one of the items is a picture of the requested regalia)
- If requesting to wear Native American regalia, the Indian Education Coordinator, will schedule time to meet with students. The Indian Education Coordinator will inform the student in writing of approval status.
- If requesting to wear something OTHER than Native American regalia, the high school principal will schedule a time to meet with students to discuss the request.
- Site principal will inform the student in writing of approval status.

Clubs/Organizations Regalia

- All clubs/organization sponsors that wish to have their officers or members wear stoles or cords at graduation must get approval through the Student Activities office.
- Clubs/sponsors are responsible for the purchasing and distribution of their club or organization's stoles, cords, or pins/medals through Jostens Graduation Services.