Harding University High School
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May 2026

Congratulations, Graduates!

Graduation will be held on **June 12th, at 8:30 a.m. at Truliant Ampitheatre (707 Pavilion Blvd, Charlotte, NC 28262). Graduates must arrive and be in place by 7:15 a.m. Bus transportation from HUHS will be provided for any students who need it. The bus will be leaving at 6:30 am.**

- Guests and attendees may not bring the following items into the facility: air horns, backpacks, balloons, banners, beach balls, duffel bags, fanny packs, flowers, gifts, noise makers, packages of any kind, and outside food and beverages.
- **Outside bags, including purses, must be clear and not exceed 12"x6"x12". Non-clear bags larger than 4.5"x6.5" are prohibited.**

Seniors are required to wear appropriate caps and gowns to participate in the graduation ceremony.
Counselors will not have extra cap/gowns/tassels on the day of graduation.

All seniors, when robed in their caps and gowns, should adhere to the following attire guidelines:

- Graduates should wear black dress slacks & a dress shirt and tie or a dark dress/skirt & top and black dress shoes.
- Graduates are required to wear black dress shoes, black loafers, or black heels with an appropriate height. Flip flops, crocs, or sneakers of any kind are not permitted.
- All caps are to be worn with the tassel to the right until the seniors are declared graduates.
- **No decorations or wording should be added to the cap or gown.**

The following items are not to be worn or carried by graduates:

- sunglasses
- headphones, Air Pods, Bluetooth earpieces, etc.
- head scarves (except for religious purposes)
- cameras, purses, wallets

HUHS Graduation Rehearsal Dates
May 1 - 8:00 am in the Cafeteria
May 13 - 8:00 am in the Cafeteria
Decision Day: May 14 - Meet in the Media Center at 8:00 - Attire is TBD.
Awards Day: May 21 at 9:00 am - Meet in the Cafeteria at 8:00! - Attire is business professional. No sneakers!

CMS Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal Date
June 11, 2026 at 8:00 am - Truliant Ampitheatre (707 Pavilion Blvd, Charlotte, NC 28262)- Please arrive by 7:30 am.*
Board Policy about graduation (mandatory rehearsal attendance, behavior expectations, etc.):
https://go.boarddocs.com/nc/cmsnc/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CFLNPL60E2F3

B. Participation in Graduation Exercises

1. Subject to the rules for participation in graduation exercises by foreign exchange students (see Section VII, below) a student may participate in graduation exercises only if all graduation requirements are met prior to graduation or if the student qualifies for a Certificate of Achievement or a Certificate of Graduation (see subsection C, below). Before a CMS diploma is issued, the high school counseling staff must verify that all requirements (i.e. proper courses and credits, tests and Graduation Project) have been met.
2. Students with unpaid meal debt shall be allowed to participate in all graduation exercises and receive a diploma.
3. Students who have other financial obligations to a school will not be allowed to participate in graduation exercises and will not be issued a diploma until these obligations have been satisfied. Financial obligations include but are not limited to fines for overdue books and fees for lost or damaged books or other school property.
4. Students who are not issued a diploma are entitled to receive a copy of their high school transcript.
3. The principal may prohibit a student who is suspended (in Out-of-School Suspension or In-School Suspension) on the days immediately prior to graduation from participating in graduation exercises if such action is approved by the Learning Community Superintendent.
5. For students assigned to alternative discipline schools at the end of their senior year, the following rules apply to participation in graduation exercises at their previous high schools:
    a. Students with specific conditions of assignment to an alternative discipline school that prohibit participation in graduation at their previous high school shall not be permitted to participate in graduation exercises.
    b. Students whose assignments to an alternative discipline school do not address participation in graduation exercises will generally be allowed to participate in graduation exercises at the school to which they were previously assigned. However, with the approval of the principal's supervisor, a principal may prohibit such a student from participating in graduation exercises, if, in the principal's judgment, the underlying behavior that resulted in the student's assignment to the alternative discipline school is such that it is in the best interests of the school or the student that he/she not participate in graduation exercises.
6. A student who violates behavioral or dress code standards established by the district for participation in graduation exercises may be prohibited from taking part in graduation exercises.
7. In order to participate in graduation exercises, a student must participate in the graduation rehearsal. Exceptions to this provision must be reviewed by the principal and decisions shall be made on a case-by-case basis.

The Counselors will not be able to hold any of your items if you decide to bring them with you.

- Appropriate behavior is expected from graduates during the Processional, Ceremony, and Recessional.
- Graduates who toss their caps at the conclusion of the ceremony will not be allowed to come back in the ampitheater to retrieve their caps.
- Graduates will exit the ampitheater and proceed to the designated area for the distribution of diplomas.

There will be no tickets or assigned seating for the ceremony.

We ask all graduates, family members, and guests to please be mindful of the following guidelines:

- Stand as graduates march into the graduation venue
- Show respect for all graduates
- Applaud for each graduate
- Limit cheers to every graduate's name is heard by all attendees
- Remain seated during the entire ceremony (including when taking photographs)

Seniors,
To complete your Senior Graduation Survey:

Log into ClassLink Naviance Tasks To Do CMS Exit Survey 2026

Financial Obligations:
Chromebooks, chargers, and hotspots are due by June 10th. Please bring all technology to the Media Center. In order to participate in graduation and/or receive your diploma, you must clear your financial obligations. If you have questions, please contact michellee.bullock@cms.k12.nc.us.

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With Ram Pride,
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