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2024 OASD Graduation Ceremony FAQ (Oshkosh North High School | Oshkosh West High School)

This FAQ provides details related to the Oshkosh Area School District’s 2024 graduation ceremonies, for the purpose of advanced planning and preparation on the part of students, families, and guests. Information for both Oshkosh North and Oshkosh West graduation ceremonies can be found below. For additional information related to these graduation ceremonies, please contact the school site directly.

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CEREMONY DETAILS

IMPORTANT: On April 19, the OASD announced that the location for the 2024 Oshkosh North High School and Oshkosh West High School graduation ceremonies has been changed to the UW Oshkosh Kolf Sports Center, located at 785 High Ave, Oshkosh, WI 54901. [LEARN MORE](#)

When and where will the ceremonies be held? [UPDATED 04.19.24]

Graduation ceremonies for the Oshkosh Area School District (OASD) Class of 2024 have been relocated to the UW Oshkosh Kolf Sports Center, 785 High Ave, Oshkosh, WI 54901.

- The Oshkosh West High School graduation ceremony will take place on Saturday, May 25 at 10am.
- The Oshkosh North High School graduation ceremony will take place on Saturday, May 25 at 4pm.

What is the Kolf Sports Center address?

785 High Ave, Oshkosh, WI 54901

How long is each ceremony?

Each ceremony typically lasts approximately 1 hour, 30 minutes.

IMPORTANT: Upon ceremony conclusion, all graduates and guests need to leave the venue immediately. Please make prior arrangements to meet your graduate somewhere outside of the building.

Can I take photos during the ceremony?

Yes. However, if you choose to take photographs during the ceremony, please do not block the view of fellow attendees, paying special attention to those seated in the ADA/floor-level areas. Additionally, for your convenience, we have made arrangements, with a professional photographer, to record the moment that each diploma is awarded. More information regarding this has been provided to graduates/families.

Will the ceremony be livestream?

Yes. Livestream links for each ceremony are listed below and also posted on the OASD website.

- Oshkosh West High School Live Stream: vimeo.com/event/4212223
- Oshkosh North High School Live Stream: vimeo.com/event/4212338

ARRIVAL TIMES AND ENTRANCES

What time do graduates need to arrive?

- Oshkosh West graduates must arrive no later than 9:30 a.m.
- Oshkosh North graduates must arrive no later than 3:30 p.m.

What time can guests arrive?

Doors will open one hour prior to the start of each ceremony.

How long will it take to enter the Kolf?

Attendees should plan enough time to find a parking space and walk to the Kolf. Two entrances (off of Pearl Avenue and High Street) will be available. Upon entering the building guests will be directed upstairs to the fieldhouse. An elevator is available in the main lobby for those needing assistance.

What entrance is being used?

Two entrances will be available - located on the Pearl Ave and High Ave sides of the building; see details below for specific instructions for each attendee.

- Graduates: Use either entrance and proceed to the staging area (lower level gyms A-B).
- Guests/Attendees: Use either entrance and proceed to the upper level fieldhouse.
- Guests/Attendees and Graduates with Mobility Disabilities: Use the Pearl Ave entrance and proceed to the ramp to the Kolf lobby where the elevator is located.
- OASD Staff: Use either entrance.

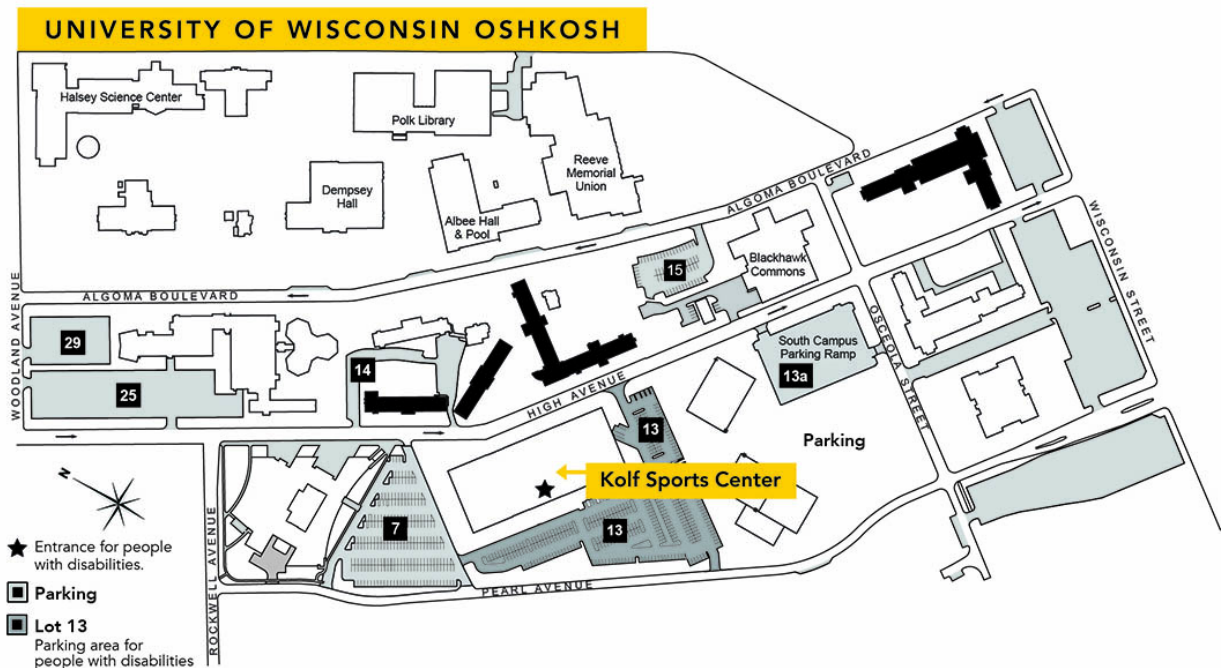
Once guests reach the fieldhouse, they are welcome to find available seating. All able guests will be expected to sit in the bleachers.

PARKING AND DIRECTIONS

Is parking available?

Yes, the following parking options are available:

- Free parking is available in any open University lot on commencement day. Parking lots 15 and 7 are the most convenient lots to park in for commencement. There also is a parking ramp in close proximity to Kolf Sports Center. When these lots are full, parking attendants will direct you to the closest available parking lot. (See [UWO campus map](#) for more parking information.)
- Please do not park in reserved areas or in spaces for people with disabilities unless you have a disability permit.
- ADA/Handicap Parking: Parking for handicap individuals or individuals with mobility issues is accessible in a section of lot 13 on the west side of the building (off of Pearl Ave).



Will traffic be directed?

Yes. Parking attendants and traffic directors will be assisting attendees.

TICKETS AND SEATING

Do I need a ticket to attend the graduation ceremony?

No, unless you require handicapped seating. There are no tickets for general seating and the number of guests per graduate is not limited. The Kolf Center has a capacity of nearly 6,000.

- NOTE: ADA/handicapped seating requests have been completed and requested tickets will be given to the graduate.

What is the seating situation?

- **General Seating:** All general seating will be available on a first come, first served basis. Guests are encouraged to be on time for the ceremony and to come early enough to avoid traffic or parking delays. All able guests will be expected to sit in the bleachers. (NOTE: A limited number of general seating on the floor will be available behind the designated ADA/handicap seating. (NOTE: Bleacher seating provides the most unobstructed view of the stage.)
 - **ADA/Handicap Seating:** ADA/handicap seating will be located on the floor. Accessible seating requests were required in advance. If you have not requested tickets, please call the school office.
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SECURITY AND CARRY-INS

Will metal detectors be used?

No.

Are carry-ins allowed?

Guests and graduates are strongly encouraged to only bring things they will absolutely need. Here's a list of items that are NOT ALLOWED inside the venue.

- Illegal Drugs or Other Substances
- Closed packages
- Drones
- Laser Pointers
- Firearms (either real or simulated)
- Knives, blades, sharp objects of any length (unless required for medical purposes)
- Poles, sticks or banners, flags and signs
- Noisemakers
- Inflatables
- Animals (other than service animals)
- Any item deemed dangerous or inappropriate as determined by security personnel.

Will water or concessions be available for purchase?

No.

ADA / HANDICAP ACCESSIBILITY

Is ADA/handicap parking available?

Parking for handicap individuals or individuals with mobility issues is accessible in a section of lot 13 on the west side of the building (off of Pearl Ave).

Is there an elevator?

Yes. An elevator is available in the main lobby for those who need help entering the fieldhouse. Upon entering from Pearl Ave, guests with mobility issues will proceed down a ramp to the Kolf lobby where the elevator is located.

Is ADA seating available?

Yes. ADA seating is reserved for those in a wheelchair and/or who are unable to use stairs, as well as one accompanying guest.

- NOTE: ADA/handicapped seating requests have been completed and requested tickets will be given to the graduate.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Who should I contact with questions related to the graduation ceremony?

- North - Mr. Brad Weber, Senior Class Advisor (920-424-7000 ext 2459 or brad.weber@oshkosh.k12.wi.us)
- West - Andrew Schaller, Senior Class Graduation Advisor: (920-424-4090 ext 6666 or andrew.schaller@oshkosh.k12.wi.us)

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

- The Kolf Center is not air-conditioned. During warmer weather, the indoor temperature can become quite hot. Dressing in light, breathable clothing is advised if visiting on a warm day.
- Interpreter Needs: If a graduate or family member is in need of an interpreter for the graduation ceremony, please contact the following individuals to ensure that arrangements are made:
 - North - Carissa Ott at 920-424-7000 ext 2401
 - West - Andrew Schaller at 920-424-4090 ext 6666
- A jumbotron/large screens will be used to further enhance the viewing experience.
- The ceremony will be live streamed for guests who are unable to attend in person. The link to the live stream will be shared with graduates and their families and posted on the OASD website.