



2025 Senior Class Important Dates and Instructions for Graduation

Friday, June 2

Fee Deadline

All fees must be paid by June 2. Otherwise, you will need to make payment at the school on June 12, 2023 and pick up your diploma at that time.

Monday, June 9 7:00-8:30 pm REHEARSAL

Rehearsal is mandatory for all graduates (CMS policy). If you cannot attend, complete [this form](#) or go to bit.ly/Rehearsal25. Work is NOT a valid reason for missing rehearsal. **Arrive by 6:30.**

Thursday, June 12 4:00 GRADUATION DAY BE ON TIME!

Report at 3:00 pm - Enter through BoPlex ramp. Seniors will line up inside Bojangles Coliseum at designated places. Traffic will be heavy, so give yourself enough time! Parking will be free; Guests will be admitted at 3:00. Tickets are NOT required. Once Seniors have been seated, late guests will not be seated. Check Bojangles bag policy. Live stream will air on YouTube. See Indy Grad Site: bit.ly/IndyGradInfo

4:00 pm—GRADUATION will begin ON TIME!!

Attire: Appropriate attire will be strictly enforced.

- All seniors must wear the **caps and gowns with gold trim on the sleeve** with tassels on the right side. Have caps on correctly (flat-not on the back/side of the head; the cap should sit on the forehead).
- **No decorations on your cap.**
- Only the following cords and stoles are to be worn: National Honor Society, Order of the Patriot, Fine Arts Honor Society, Jr. Marshalls, National Art Honor Society, Key Club, Global Studies, FFA, Quill & Scroll, One Blood, DREAM Team, Student Council, International Thespian Society, Academy of Engineering, Kitty Hawk, Rho Kappa, HOSA, DECA, Technical Honor Society, JROTC, Athletics, AP Capstone, ML, Debate, Workkeys, Chick Fil A. Questions—see club sponsor
- **No other items (pins, medals, badges, etc.) are to be worn.**

ACCEPTABLE ATTIRE FOR GRADUATION CEREMONY

- Dress, skirt, or dress pants
- Collared shirt AND tie
- Dress shoes or sandals

See the back of this sheet for more info on proper attire.

Procedures:

- **Lines will be checked closely. In years past, students have been removed from the line and not allowed to participate in graduation for being improperly dressed.**
- Students will go through a security checkpoint. **Do not bring any items that have to be carried. We will not be responsible for handbags, umbrellas, cameras, cell phones, etc. You cannot carry these items in line.**
- There will be no smoking, gum chewing, or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Students must behave appropriately for this formal occasion.
- **You will not participate if you do not follow these guidelines.**
- Please advise your guests that they should not bring balloons, flowers, and gifts into Bojangles Coliseum.

Photographer

- CMS will hire a photographer to take a photo of each graduate as they exit the stage
- **To access photos--send a text to 90738 and enter PGER66394**

Participation in commencement is not a requirement; it is a privilege. If you feel that you cannot abide by the instructions in this memo in regard to attire and behavior, you may pick up your diploma in the front office on June 16, 2025.

Students displaying inappropriate behavior during graduation will not receive their diploma. These students will be required to attend a citizenship class over the summer in order to receive the diploma. Students who behave inappropriately on stage will be removed by Charlotte Mecklenburg Police.

Graduation info website at
bit.ly/IndyGradInfo

Cap and Gown Information

Your hat: The mortarboard should be worn **flat on the head**. Caps should not be worn on the back of the head. The front of the cap is indicated on the inside of the crown. Ladies may secure their cap with bobby pins. Gentlemen will remove their caps during the playing of the National Anthem. **Caps CANNOT be decorated.** Tassel on the **RIGHT**.



NO!
You cannot decorate your cap



NO!
Cap must be **FLAT**



YES!

NO—Jeans, shorts, athletic pants, t-shirts, athletic shoes, flip-flops/thong sandals, Toms, house slippers, work boots, or Crocs. No sandals of any type for guys

YES—bow ties, cowboy boots, dressy sandals for ladies, dress loafers

For everyone—Only cords and stoles that are school-approved; no pins, badges, or medals at all

You will not be permitted to carry anything in your hands, including a phone.

