

GRADUATION RULES & REGULATIONS

- Only seniors meeting all **graduation requirements** may participate in the commencement ceremony.
- All outstanding school **finances** must be paid by June 1, 2019 in order to participate in the commencement ceremony. (Books, Media Fines, etc.)

Attire for Graduation Day

- Because the Graduation Ceremony should be free of anything that detracts from the dignity and the pride we all feel for our seniors, we are requiring graduates to adhere to the following rules regarding
- Graduates are asked to wear an **appropriate attire under the gown**. (students choosing to wear slacks should wear dark colored dress pants- Black, Dark Navy, Dark Grey, Dark Brown)
- Graduates' **shoes should NOT** be bright florescent colors also known as LOUD shoes
- All - **No blue jeans, shorts, cargo/military khakis, clogs, flip-flops, tennis shoes, hiking shoes, or other athletic footwear may be worn with the graduation robe**
- All - **No additional outside decoration will be allowed on the cap or gown** honor cords. Honor cords are limited to Hawthorne Honor Societies.
- Gowns must be zipped throughout the ceremony until you have departed the arena/coliseum
- Teachers will check seniors on Graduation Day to verify there are no deviations from these rules. Inappropriately dressed seniors will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony.
- Seniors must wear the provided **cap and gown with no alterations or accessories**. **If a replacement is not available, you will not participate in the commencement ceremony.**
- Flowers, scarves, and other non-approved items will be confiscated. Any items that are altered (i.e., airbrushing, glitter, flowers, and etc.) will be confiscated. Do not bring additional items for the processions such as purses and/or cameras. Seniors are **not to carry articles such as cameras, cell phones, beach balls, purses, air horns or other nuisance items into Ovens Auditorium.**

Rehearsal

- All seniors must report to rehearsal on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 6:30 pm at Ovens Auditorium at 6:30. Please arrive on time.
- Seniors must arrive at the Ovens Auditorium by 7:00 a.m. (Thursday, June 13, 2019) fully dressed in cap and gown, with **tassel on the right**.
- Participation in the commencement ceremony is reserved for seniors who exhibit appropriate behavior. **Seniors who initiate or participate in any behavior that disrupts graduation will be escorted from the auditorium by police and diplomas retained.**
- All Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools' Rules and Regulations apply.
- **Parents must arrive before the procession at 7:00 a.m. No one will be allowed to enter once the processional begins.**

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- Parents cannot save seats in the graduation venue; families must arrive together if they want to sit together.

Graduation Expectations

The commencement ceremony will be held at the Ovens Auditorium. Graduation from high school is a once-in-a-lifetime event with participation in the ceremony voluntary. The Hawthorne High School graduation will be the classiest, most dignified ceremony in CMS—one that holds special meaning for families and graduates. Graduates and the audience, who have long-awaited this day, can help us maintain the dignity and honor of this special occasion by dressing and acting accordingly.