

COMMENCEMENT ATTIRE AND BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES

Honor Cords, NHS cords, and IB cords will be given out with your cap and gown.

IN ORDER TO MARCH AT GRADUATION, YOU MUST BE:

- 1. At rehearsal on time. (7 am sharp! Park in Lot Z; enter at Duval Street doors.)**
- 2. Dressed properly. You must enter the Arena *carrying* your robe, not wearing it.**
- 3. In line in the right place by 12:15, properly robed.**

Dress Requirements: THESE REQUIREMENTS ARE FOR BACCALAUREATE AS WELL. First and foremost, IRON your gown on low heat before you wear it!

LADIES: Flesh-colored pantyhose preferred. Navy or black dress shoes only! Open shoes is acceptable as long as the back is closed (very high heels should be avoided, **NO backless shoes** and **NO flip-flops**), an appropriate dress that is at least one inch from knee and preferably in a dark color (please try your dress on with your gown to see how it looks...it should neither hang way below your gown---tape it up---nor be so short that you look “bare” under your gown). Dressy slacks are also acceptable.

GUYS: White or pale dress shirt, dark, traditional tie, dark dress pants (**no khakis**), dark dress socks and dark dress shoes (**no bare ankles, white/colored socks or casual shoes**)

EVERYONE: The front of your cap is to be placed in the middle of your forehead so that the top is carried FLAT on your head, not tilted or leaning back. The tassel hangs on the **right**. Bring bobby pins to affix the cap to your head. We WILL fix your cap if it is not on properly. Do NOT put anything on the top of or in your cap.

*****THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS DRESS CODE. IMPROPERLY DRESSED SENIORS WILL NOT MARCH. WALKING IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT.*****

Important Graduation Reminders:

IF ANY CONTRABAND IS FOUND ON YOUR PERSON, YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CEREMONY. Additionally, no food, drink, or CELL PHONES are allowed, and will be confiscated at the door if found. Leave all personal items with your family.

Families: *Families should note that graduation is a serious, solemn occasion, and it is not the place to bring anyone or anything which might disturb other people’s enjoyment of the ceremony. Family members and friends will not be allowed in the dressing area prior to or after the ceremony. Also, **once the processional begins, which will be promptly at 1pm, no one else will be admitted into the Arena until the processional is over.** EVERY student should be able to hear his or her name called. Names are called quickly; therefore, family and friends should refrain from clapping or otherwise shouting when your name is called. Noise devices are not allowed in the Arena. **ANY disruptive behavior by ANYONE may result in that person’s removal from the Arena.***

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