

Participating in the graduation ceremony is a **privilege**, and this privilege can be **denied** to any student who does not meet certain standards set forth by Cecilia High School. The following are **dress and behavior standards** expected of graduating seniors.

*Anyone who does NOT adhere to the graduation dress code will NOT be allowed to walk in the graduation*

1. Graduation is a formal occasion. It is proper to send formal, engraved announcements to friends and family.
2. Young men are **REQUIRED** to wear (a) a solid white shirt, (b) a solid black tie, (c) solid black dress pants, (d) solid black socks, and (e) solid black dress shoes.
  - a. Tennis shoes and large or excessive jewelry are **not** allowed.
3. Young women are **REQUIRED** to wear (a) clothes that are inconspicuous under the graduation gown and (b) black heels or flats.
  - a. Clothing should not extend above the gown's collar or beneath the gown's hem.
  - b. Brightly colored hair (pink, blue, purple, etc.) and large or excessive jewelry are **not** allowed.
  - c. Heels should be no higher than 2-3 inches to avoid stumbling on the carpet and stage.
4. When seated both feet should be on the floor at all times. Do not cross your legs.
5. When awards are presented, it is proper to applaud with your hands only. It is **not** proper to jump up, whistle, or scream at formal occasions. In addition, it is poor taste to applaud before or after an invocation, a benediction, or the national anthem.
6. A mortarboard (cap) is placed on the head so that the board is parallel to the floor. The tassel must be placed on the **right side** of the cap until after receiving the diploma at which time the tassel is moved to the **left side**.
7. If a student is intoxicated, his/her parents will be paged and asked to take their child home. Likewise, any student who is disrespectful or causes a disturbance during the ceremony will also be asked to leave.
8. **No gifts** may be given to graduates during the ceremony.
9. A professional photographer will be taking a picture of each graduate receiving his/her diploma, and a videographer will be taping the graduation ceremony; therefore, **no one in the audience should get out of his/her seat to take pictures**. This rule is enforced so all guests can watch graduates as they receive their diplomas. Moreover, as a gift from CHS, **all graduates will receive a free professional photo**.

## SCHEDULE OF GRADUATION ACTIVITIES

Date	Activity or Event
<b>2016</b>	
Tues., September 13	Meet with Jostens to discuss graduation supplies.
Tues., September 27	Order graduation supplies with Jostens.
Wed., October 25- Thurs., October 26	Take pictures with Lifetouch. Senior girls will take pictures on October 25 and senior boys on October 26.
Mon., November 14	Attend, if interested, a financial aid meeting at 6 p.m.
Thurs., December 1	Take retake pictures, if needed, with Lifetouch.
<b>2017</b>	
Fri., March 17	Pick up graduation supplies in gym from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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Tues., March 21	<p>Take senior group pictures in gym at 8 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wear or bring your graduation gown, cap, and stole.</li> <li>• Bring your school uniform to change into after taking pictures.</li> </ul>
Sat., April 8	Attend Junior/Senior Prom.
Thurs., May 4	Take final exams in 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Blocks.
Fri., May 5	Take final exams in 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Blocks.
Tues., May 9 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.	<p>Attend closed-door rehearsal from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Please note:</i> This is an official school day; therefore, <b>you must be dressed in your school uniform</b>, or you will not be allowed to practice and will be asked to leave campus.</li> <li>• <b>Do not use your cell phone during practice.</b> Likewise, any student who is disruptive during practice will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.</li> <li>• <b>Attendance is mandatory. FAILURE TO ATTEND WILL RESULT IN THE DEDUCTION OF TWO GRADUATION TICKETS.</b></li> </ul>
Wed., May 10	Pay all remaining school debts if you wish to participate in the graduation ceremony.
Wed., May 10 5:15 p.m.	<p>Attend the awards ceremony at 6 p.m. in the school gym.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report to indoor commons area by 5:15 p.m. wearing your graduation gown and stole – but <b>NO CAP</b> –, along with <b>(BOYS)</b> white shirt, black tie, black dress pants, black socks, and black dress shoes and <b>(GIRLS)</b> clothes that are inconspicuous under the graduation gown and <b>black heels or flats.</b></li> <li>• <b>Do not carry cell phone, keys, purse, etc. during the procession or use your cell phone during the event.</b></li> <li>• <b>Attendance is mandatory. FAILURE TO ATTEND WILL RESULT IN THE DEDUCTION OF TWO GRADUATION TICKETS.</b></li> </ul>
Thurs., May 11 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.	<p>Attend closed-door rehearsal from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>This is a dress rehearsal for graduation;</b> therefore, wear your gown, CAP, stole, and other dress requirements (see above). In other words, <b>dress exactly as you plan to dress on graduation night.</b></li> <li>• Do not use your cell phone during practice.</li> <li>• <b>Attendance is mandatory. FAILURE TO ATTEND WILL RESULT IN THE DEDUCTION OF TWO GRADUATION TICKETS.</b></li> <li>• <b>Graduation tickets will be given out during this final practice.</b> <i>The number of tickets each senior receives is based on the number of graduates in relation to the gym's seating capacity (as dictated by the Fire Marshal).</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Unless you can provide a valid doctor's excuse or court excuse for having missed any of the above events, <b>you will NOT receive more tickets.</b> An employer's note is <b>NOT</b> a valid excuse; therefore, you must make arrangements with your employer so that you can attend the two practices and Senior Awards Night.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Fri., May 12 5:45 p.m.	<p>Attend graduation at 6:30 p.m. in the school gym.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report to indoor commons area by <b>5:45 p.m.</b> wearing full graduation attire.</li> <li>• Remind your guests that <b>EVERYONE – including infants and young children – MUST HAVE A TICKET TO ATTEND GRADUATION.</b> <i>Please note:</i> graduation is not a place for infants or young children, and CHS strongly urges that they not attend the ceremony.</li> <li>• <b>CHS will NOT hold graduation tickets at the door for late arrivals.</b></li> </ul>