



Stillwater Area High School CLASS OF 2022

Graduation Handbook

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2022!

Graduation will soon be here! Seniors must have accumulated 43 credits and have completed all requirements to be eligible to participate in the commencement ceremony.



Graduation Fee

The School Board has established a Graduation Fee in accordance with State law. A \$30 fee must be paid in order to participate in the commencement ceremony. Please pay online using SmartSchoolK12 at payments.stillwaterschools.org.

Cap And Gown

Caps and gowns will be issued on Thursday, May 26, 2022. Students will be called down according to last name (please see schedule below). The gown, cap and tassel, and honor cords (if applicable) will be used for the Commencement Ceremony and are yours to keep.

A - C	1st hour
D - H	2nd hour
I - L	3rd hour
M - O	4th hour
P - S	5th hour
T - Z	6th hour

Students with any of the following will have a hold placed on their cap and gown and will not be able to pick them up at the time of distribution:

- 1) Outstanding fines or fees
- 2) Unreturned library and/or textbooks
- 3) Unearned credits required for graduation
- 4) Unpaid \$30 graduation fee

Students who have holds placed on their cap and gown may pick their cap and gown up before or after school once their hold has been removed (i.e. fines paid, books returned, credits earned, etc.).

Students are responsible for their caps and gowns from the time they are issued until the commencement ceremony. The gown should be kept on a coat hanger to eliminate wrinkles. Be careful to keep the tassel with the cap. Students may not use caps and gowns from previous years as colors vary.

Honor Ranks - Cords/Stoles

GPA of 3.750 or higher will wear stoles
GPA of 3.500-3.749 will wear a white cord
GPA of 3.000-3.499 will wear a gold cord

All students are recognized in the Commencement Program.

Commencement Practice

All seniors participating in the Commencement Ceremony **MUST** report to the high school gym for practice on Friday, June 3 from 10:00-11:30 a.m.

IT IS MANDATORY THAT ALL STUDENTS BE THERE AND ON TIME.

Any senior not participating in practice **WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE** for the Commencement Ceremony. We will walk through the entire ceremony during the morning practice session. The senior picnic will be held immediately after the Commencement Practice.

IMPORTANT DATES

Cap, Gown, Tassel & Ticket Distribution	Thursday, May 26, all day
Last Day of School for Seniors	Thursday, June 2
Commencement Practice and Picnic	Friday, June 3 at 10:00 a.m.
The senior picnic will be held on Friday, June 3 immediately after the Commencement Practice.	
Commencement Ceremony	Saturday, June 4 at 1 p.m. at Roy Wilkins Auditorium
Seniors should arrive no later than 12:15 p.m.	
All Night Party	Saturday, June 4, 9:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.

Commencement

The Commencement Ceremony will take place at Roy Wilkins Auditorium, 175 West Kellogg Boulevard, St. Paul on Saturday, June 4, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. **All graduating seniors are to report to the arena by 12:15 p.m.**

Participation In Commencement Exercises

All seniors who are eligible to participate in the commencement ceremony are encouraged to take part in this event. Participation is not mandatory nor a condition for the completion of graduation requirements. Participation in the ceremony is a privilege. Commencement is the most formal activity of a student's high school career and it represents the school district's public acknowledgment of high school completion. The cap and gown are formal educational attire and students choosing to participate in commencement must dress appropriately. The attire worn under the commencement gown is as follows:

MALES: Dress slacks, dress socks, dress shoes (no tennis shoes), dress shirt and tie.

FEMALES: Dress skirt or dress slacks, dress shoes.

No flowers or other adornments (other than those issued by the high school) are to be worn on the gown/cap or carried into the arena.

Conduct At The Commencement Ceremony

Commencement is regarded as the most formal of scholastic ceremonies. Students, parents and guests are expected to act in a dignified manner. Inattentiveness and/or talking during the ceremony is inappropriate. Beach balls or noisemakers such as whistles and aerosol horns are not allowed in the arena. The use of these items distracts from the dignity of the ceremony and the ability of the audience to hear names as they are called. Students and guests who are disruptive to the ceremony may be pulled from the ceremony and not allowed to participate.

- **ALCOHOL AND DRUGS** — Roy Wilkins Auditorium prohibits alcohol, drugs, weapons, bottles, cans and coolers on their premises. **Students who appear to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be permitted to participate.**
- **SMOKING** — Roy Wilkins Auditorium is a non-smoking facility and smoking is strictly prohibited in all areas.
- **SEATING** — Guests are urged to be on time for the commencement ceremony and to come early enough to avoid traffic problems. **Each student will receive six tickets** for guests at the cap and gown distribution on May 26. There is no reserved seating in the auditorium.
- **HANDICAPPED SEATING** is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors open at 11:45 a.m. We encourage you to arrive early if you should need this seating.

Diploma Distribution

Diplomas will be distributed immediately following the ceremony in the staging area where seniors lined up.

Parents will not be allowed on the floor after the ceremony, meet graduates outside.

Pictures

For your convenience, we have made arrangements with Lifetouch for a professional photographer to record the moment that each diploma is awarded. Visit events.lifetouch.com to sign up and receive notification when your proofs are online and ready to order.

- A complementary proof of this photo will be available online at events.lifetouch.com within ten days following the ceremony.
- All students will be photographed.
- There is no obligation to purchase.
- Personal pictures can be taken before or after the ceremony.



If you have any questions about graduation, contact your student's pony center:

(A-Fal) Red Pony Student Center	651-351-8021
(Fam-Lam) Gray Pony Student Center	651-351-8039
(Lan-Rod) White Pony Student Center	651-351-8010
(Roe-Z) - Black Pony Student Center	651-351-8002



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Senior Class Party

Seniors are invited to attend the all-night party at PINZ in Oakdale on Saturday, June 4 following the graduation ceremony. Students are asked to register online at sahsgradparty.com. Questions about the party can be directed to Glenda Houle at houle5352@msn.com.