



DIXON HIGH SCHOOL

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To the Parents/Guardians of Graduating Seniors:

Congratulations! Your child is within weeks of a milestone in life, and we realize that you are justifiably proud. Graduation is a special time in the lives of these young people and their families. We humbly ask for your cooperation. The following guidelines have been established to ensure safety as well as an unobstructed view of the ceremony.

- We will hold the ceremony in the main gym on Wednesday, June 14th at 6:30 pm.
- Mandatory Graduation practice will be held in the main gym on Tuesday, June 13th at noon.
- Each graduate will receive **5 tickets** at the graduation practice. **Seniors must attend the graduation practice, or they will not be allowed to attend the formal ceremony.** Every person (including babies) must have a ticket. We do not have extra tickets in the office. The formal ceremonies begin at 6:30 pm and everyone must be seated at that time. However, the doors to the gym will open an hour before the ceremony time. Guests who leave the gymnasium during the ceremony FOR ANY REASON will not be permitted to return.
- We will not be providing a live streaming viewing opportunity on the DHS campus. However, a live feed will be available on the internet for viewing for individuals wishing to watch the ceremony off campus. The streaming link will be available on the Dixon High School website. Those using the link should start viewing prior to the start time of the ceremony they are wishing to watch to ensure the connection works.
- Accommodations will be provided for guests in wheelchairs who arrive prior to 30 minutes before their respective ceremony. Upon arrival, a guest in a wheelchair should come to the front of the line to the door labeled handicapped with one other guest who may accompany him/her. A staff member or a student Marshal will assist you with seating.
 - **Guests needing accommodations will need to contact Mr. Blair (nelson.blair@onslow.k12.nc.us) to arrange those prior to the ceremony. We may not be able to fulfill last minute accommodations.**
- During the ceremony, photos may ONLY be taken from your SEATED position.
- Photos will be taken during the ceremony by Strawbridge. Photos will be available to be viewed and purchased at <http://strawbridge.net>
- Everyone must remain seated to keep the aisles clear during the presentation of the diplomas.
- Any student or guest who disrupts the ceremony will be escorted by the deputies out of the gym.
- No balloons are permitted in the gym (this blocks the clear view of others) and flowers may not be presented to graduates during the ceremony.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Additionally, seniors have been asked to complete the Senior Survey online form on the Dixon High School's Student Services page by May 5th. If additional information needs to be reported, please have the senior see Ms. Balsamo.

Curtis Ehmman
Principal

Other important information:

May 8th – Report Cards (**All seniors must successfully pass required courses in order to participate in graduation exercises. Concerns? Set up a conference now!**)

June 13th – GRADUATION PRACTICE 12:00 pm (**ATTENDANCE REQUIRED**). Students will not receive their 5 guest tickets unless they have paid all fees.

June 14th – All seniors report to front hallway of the 100 building to check in at 5:30 pm.

Proper attire for graduation is expected from everyone. This is a formal occasion and seniors are expected to treat it as such. Anyone not conforming to the dress code will not be allowed to participate in graduation.

Ladies are required to wear dresses/dress slacks and dress shoes. High heels and strapless shoes are highly discouraged due to safety reasons.

Gentlemen are required to wear a dress shirt with tie, dress pants, socks, and dress shoes.

Both.

This means no jeans, sunglasses, flip flops, canvas or tennis shoes.

Seniors are not to alter their cap or gown in any way.

Students may only wear cords or other devices that are issued by the school.

Board policy: IHF-A Graduation Exercises

Any senior who violates school rules, damages school property, or engages in any conduct which interferes with, or disrupts school operations, may be prohibited by the principal from participating in the graduation exercises.