



LITTLE ELM HIGH SCHOOL

GRADUATION CORDS

Earning a graduation cord to wear at graduation means you have successfully accomplished the highest standards of excellence for this honorable recognition. Each accomplishment a student achieves during their time at Little Elm High School, gives them credit toward earning a cord as represented in each of the following eight criteria.

The various criteria align with our College, Career, and Life Ready Indicators, Competitions at the state level, Leadership, Character, Academic, and Armed Forces. A student can earn up to six cords in addition to the stoles and medallions listed below. Students who qualify for the Competition or Leadership cords in multiple organizations may be awarded organizational pins to be worn on that cord.



College Ready

- Meets TSI criteria in Reading and Math
- Earns dual course credits
- Meets criteria on AP exams
- Earns an associate degree
- Qualifies for OnRamps Course Credits (LEISD does not offer OnRamps courses)

**Only one indicator is required for this cord*



Career Ready

- Earns an industry-based certification (IBC) and completes a program of study.
- Graduates with completed IEP and workforce readiness
- Graduates with an advanced diploma plan and received special education services

**Only one indicator is required for this cord*



Academic

- Top 10% in Class Rank
- Distinguished Grad Plan (Foundation with one endorsement) with at least three performance acknowledgements
- Distinguished Grad Plan (Foundation with two endorsements) with at least two performance acknowledgements

**Only one indicator is required for this cord*



Character

- Named LEHS Student of the Month
- Received the Spirit Principal Award, Citizenship Principal Award, or Excellence Coin at any time as a high school student.

**Only one indicator is required for this cord*



Armed Forces

- Enlists in the United States Armed Forces
- Enlists in the Texas National Guard

**Only one indicator is required for this cord*



Citizenship

- 90% attendance, co-extra curricular, and 25 hours of community service

**All indicators are required for this cord*



Leadership

- Held an officer position in a LEHS club, organization, Class Officer position, or a member of student council. A leadership resume must be submitted by March of the student's senior year to the Student Activities Campus Coordinator with specific activities clearly documented that the student has planned, organized, and led with impact to school or community.
- Received the Leadership Principal Award at any time as a high school student

**Only one indicator is required for this cord*



Competition

- Represented LEHS at a state-level competition and placed with a ranking of top ten or better at any time as a high school student.

Examples: Academic Decathlon, Fine Arts, UIL Academic & Athletic competitions, CTE competitions, FFA Competitions, etc.

**All indicators are required for this cord*

Other Regalia:

The only other regalia that will be worn are:

Class of 20XX gold stole given to every graduate, Valedictorian/Salutatorian stoles, Top Ten Ranking senior medallion, LEAD medallion, National Honor Society stole, Awarded organizational pins