

OTHS COMMENCEMENT ATTIRE GUIDELINES

JOSTENS CAP & GOWN

- Students must wear the approved cap and gown available for purchase through Jostens. Students who are not wearing the correct graduation attire will not be allowed to participate or will be provided alternate attire.
- Any student still needing to order a cap and gown should contact Jostens directly at 618-654-1001 or by email at parker.lawrence@jostens.com
- Students unable to purchase a Jostens cap, gown and tassel should contact their School Counselor in the Counseling Office.

COMMENCEMENT ATTIRE ADORNMENT POLICY

APPROVED ADORNMENTS

In recognition of the academic, athletic, and extracurricular achievements of OTHS students, the following adornments are allowed during the OTHS commencement ceremony:

- OTHS National Honor Society (NHS) Stoles
- OTHS Academic Honor Stoles (Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, Cum Laude)
- OTHS Honors Recognition items (cords, tassels, stoles) provided by OTHS academic programs, honor societies and student organizations.
- Running Start Medallion
- Medals, pins, honor cords and stoles conferred by an OTHS sponsored activity, department, or organization. Examples include, but are not limited to the following:
 - Band or Vocal Medals
 - Scholar Bowl Medals
 - OTHS Athletic Recognitions
 - FBLA medal/cords

NON-APPROVED ADORNMENTS

Adornments not related to an OTHS activity may not be worn. Examples include but are not limited to:

- Personalized stoles with pictures.
- Personalized stoles purchased/provided by the student/outside non-OTHS organization.
- Honor cord issued by an outside non-OTHS organization.
- Flower pinned on to the gown.
- Flower Lei or other

Examples below of NON-APPROVED STOLES/ADORNMENTS



GRADUATION CAP DECORATING

Please take into consideration the following rules when decorating your graduation cap for the OTHS Commencement Ceremony. Failure to follow these rules will result in the removal of the cap at the ceremony.

- Cap decorations must be school appropriate. If in doubt, don't.
- The OTHS administration will reserve the right to disallow anything that is not considered appropriate for the Commencement ceremony on the day of Graduation.
- Only the flat top area of the mortar board may be decorated.
- No hanging objects from any side of the cap.
- Decorations must be flat on the surface of the cap (height not to exceed one inch).
- No objects such as signs, stuffed animals, bells, or any 3D object exceeding one inch in height may rest on the cap.
- Your cap **CANNOT** light up or make noise. (e.g. bells, horns, etc.)

Graduation cap decorations may not:

- Contain any advertisement, symbols, abbreviations, initials, words, slogans, patches, or pictures that: Refer to drugs or controlled substances, tobacco, alcohol, or weapons or be of a sexual nature.
- Denote an affiliation with gangs or which advocate drug use, violence, illegal activity, or disruptive behavior which is detrimental to the safety and welfare of other students.
- Be obscene, profane, vulgar, or lewd.
- Include numbers other than the graduation year.
- Threaten the safety and welfare of any person.

EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTABLE CAP DECORATIONS



EXAMPLES OF NON-APPROVED CAP DECORATIONS

