



# Stillwater Area High School

# CLASS OF 2025

## Graduation Handbook

## Congratulations Class of 2025!

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 EduTrakConnect at [payments.stillwaterschools.org](https://payments.stillwaterschools.org).

### Cap And Gown

Caps and gowns will be issued on Friday, May 23, 2025. 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) Unearned credits required for graduation
- 2) Outstanding fines or fees
- 3) Unreturned library and/or textbooks, chromebooks and chargers
- 4) Unpaid \$30 graduation fee

Students who have holds placed on their cap and gown may pick up their cap and gown before or after school once their hold has been removed (i.e. credits earned, fines paid, books returned, 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 may vary. **Due to capacity of the arena, students will receive six tickets with cap and gown. No extra tickets will be issued.**

### 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 Wednesday, June 4 from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.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 (unless cleared by administration). 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** ..... Friday, May 23, all day

**Last Day of School for Seniors**..... Tuesday, June 3

**Commencement Practice and Picnic**..... Wednesday, June 4 at 10:30 a.m.  
The senior picnic will be held immediately after the commencement practice.

**Commencement Ceremony** ..... Saturday, June 7 at 7 p.m.  
Roy Wilkins Auditorium  
Seniors should arrive no later than 6:15 p.m.

**All Night Party** ..... Saturday, June 7, 10 p.m. - 3 a.m.



Commencement

The commencement ceremony will take place at Roy Wilkins Auditorium, 175 West Kellogg Boulevard, St. Paul on Saturday, June 7, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. **All graduating seniors are to report to the arena by 6:15 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 dress code for attire worn under the commencement gown is semi-formal:

Dress shirt & tie or dress; dress slacks or skirt; dress shoes (no tennis shoes)

No flowers or other adornments are to be worn on the gown/cap or carried into the arena. Academic achievement regalia and ethnic stoles are allowed but must be pre-approved by administration by May 30, 2025.

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 removed 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 23. There is no reserved seating in the auditorium.
- **HANDICAPPED SEATING** is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors open at 5:45 p.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.

**Attendees will not be allowed on the floor after the ceremony.** All parents, family members and other guests should plan to 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](https://events.lifetouch.com) to sign up and receive notification when your proofs are online and ready to order.

- A proof of this photo will be available online at [events.lifetouch.com](https://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 7 from 10 p.m.-3 a.m. Sunday, June 8. Students are asked to register online at [sahsgradparty.net](https://sahsgradparty.net). Questions about the party can be emailed to [sahsgrads@gmail.com](mailto:sahsgrads@gmail.com). Cost for the party is \$125.