

# THOMAS JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL - CLASS OF 2025 COMMENCEMENT GUIDE

## Pre - Graduation Information

Graduation: Sunday, June 15, 2025 | 12:00 PM  
ShoWare Center, 625 West James Street Kent, WA 98032



### TICKETS

All graduates will receive 10 tickets to Graduation. Children under 5 do not require a ticket unless they need their own seat. Additional tickets can be requested using this link: [tinyurl.com/TJGradRequests](https://tinyurl.com/TJGradRequests)

Deadline to request additional tickets is Friday, May 16th

*Students will be notified of any extra tickets they'll receive by May 23rd*

### SENIOR CLEARANCE

Senior Clearance will take place on Monday 6/9 and is MANDATORY. Tickets will be distributed after senior clearance. Seniors will check-out throughout the day based on their **FIRST name** in the library. All seniors must have completed all grad requirements to receive their tickets.



### SENIOR CELEBRATION

On May 21, 2025, all seniors and families are invited to celebrate the Class of 2025.

#### **Evening schedule:**

**6-7 PM:** Senior Celebration/Awards  
*(Seniors and Families)*

**7-8 PM** Hypnotist  
*(Seniors ONLY)*



### LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

June 10th is the last day of school for seniors and this day is for celebrating you, starting with breakfast, then a visit to elementary schools in your cap & gown (remember to bring it!), and grad rehearsal (mandatory). Schedule:

- 7:30-9:00 - Senior Breakfast
- 9:00-11:30 - Grad walk
- 11:20-11:50 - Lunch
- 11:55-1:55 - Grad Rehearsal

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### ENTRY & EXPECTATIONS

Seniors will enter through the loading dock area. Doors will open for them at 11:00 AM. No cameras, purses, or cell phones are allowed on the floor. You may have your keys on you.

Graduates are expected to cooperate with all of TJ staff throughout the entire ceremony. Failure to comply will forfeit a student's privilege of participating in the ceremony.

### PARKING



There are over 1500 FREE parking spots available within walking distance to the ShoWare Center. Seniors are to park the same as guests. Parking map is attached.

### ACCESSIBILITY

If you need accessible seating, please look for "Guest Services" when entering ShoWare. They will escort you to an ADA seating area. The policy is that one person needing ADA seating may have one companion. We recommend arriving early!



### ATTIRE

Seniors must have a cap, gown and stole to walk at graduation.

Graduates are asked to use good taste in their personal attire.



Please plan on having your gown zipped up for the ceremony!

### GUESTS

All guests will enter through the main entryway after the previous graduation is over and are subject to a bag search and security check. The ShoWare Center also has a Clear Bag Policy, which states only clear bags no larger than 12" x 12" x 6", and small clutches no larger than 4.5" x 6.5" are allowed into the venue. Any other bags larger than 4.5"x 6.5" are not allowed.

Entry is by ticket only, tickets will not be given at the ShoWare Center. Seating is first come, first serve.

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### PHOTOGRAPHS

We will have a professional photographer on site during graduation to take a picture of each graduate receiving their diploma. Information on how to purchase these will be provided soon.

### AFTER THE CEREMONY

Guests will be able to meet their graduates outside after the ceremony for more personal photo opportunities.

***Pro Tip:***

Make a plan for where you will meet after the ceremony!



### DIPLOMA DISTRIBUTION

Diplomas will be available for pick up during the following times:

Wednesdays in July  
9 AM - 1 PM

Diplomas will be held if a student has an unpaid fine.



### GOWN DONATIONS

If you would like to donate your cap and gown to future graduates please bring it with you during diploma pickup!

We are always in need of caps and gowns for students who are not able to order them.

Thank you!

# PARKING MAP

## Free Parking Locations

- 1 accesso ShoWare Center - 625 W. James Street
- 2 Maleng Regional Justice Center - 401 4th Ave N
- 3 James Street Park & Ride - 902 W. James St.
- 4 Kent Station Parking Garage - 320 Ramsay Way



Parking Map of accesso ShoWare Center in Kent, WA