

# THORNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

## GRADUATION PARTICIPATION/CONDUCT FORM

All graduates and their guests are to adhere to the following code of conduct.

### FOR THE GRADUATE

1. Graduates must attend rehearsal to receive graduation tickets. All rules and policies of the school will be enforced at rehearsal and the ceremony.
2. Disruptive behavior or the possession or use of any object that would disrupt the ceremony will result in immediate removal from the ceremony.
3. Appropriate dress for the formal graduation ceremony is the cap and gown with the following:
  - a. Dress shirt and tie or blouse and dress shoes. Suit jackets will be too warm to wear under the gown.
  - b. Dress or dressy skirt or dress slacks and dress shoes.
  - c. No sunglasses, sport shoes, sandals, shorts, etc.
4. Purses and cell phones should be left with parents. We are not responsible for lost possessions.
5. Students who possess or are under the influence of a controlled substance, alcohol, or who behave inappropriately will be removed from the ceremony.
6. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the graduates will exit as they have been directed at the practice and pick up their diplomas. The counselors will be available for 5 minutes only after the ceremony to give students their diplomas. Students not picking up their diploma at that time may pick it up the following week in the Registrar's Office upon presentation of identification.
7. Proper respect is to be demonstrated for all speakers and presenters.

### GUEST BEHAVIOR

Guests are expected to display proper demeanor befitting a formal and dignified ceremony. The following is the expected guest behavior.

1. The South Fieldhouse is used to organize and form the procession for graduation. It is also a time and place for last-minute instructions to the graduates. **Guests are NOT to enter the South Fieldhouse.**
2. During the reading of the graduation list and the presentation of diploma covers, guests are asked for their cooperation regarding the following matters:
  - a. Do not cheer, clap, whistle, or otherwise disturb the ceremony. It is important to **ALL** graduates and their guests that they hear their son or daughter's name read, and see that person walk across the stage.
  - b. Please remain seated during the entire ceremony. Please do not attempt to enter the ceremony area to take pictures.
  - c. The use of noise-making devices is prohibited and will result in the confiscation of the device and possible removal from the ceremony.
3. Graduates have been instructed in proper dress and behavior for this occasion. We expect guests to honor the graduate with attire and behavior befitting a formal ceremony. It is asked that shorts, cut-offs, halters, tube tops, etc., not be worn by the guests.
4. If we should have graduates who behave inappropriately during the ceremony, it may be necessary to remove them from the ceremony. We ask for your cooperation and support so that it will not be necessary to do this.
5. Graduates will form lines to pick up diplomas following the ceremony. **Guests are NOT to enter the ceremony or set-up area** even following the conclusion of the graduation ceremony. Graduates will exit once they retrieve their diploma.

We trust these plans for graduation will help to ensure a formal and dignified ceremony. A graduation conducted with dignity will ensure a ceremony that we are all proud of.

**Please check the appropriate box and return the bottom half of this form to Ms. Davis in Room 1541 by Monday, May 4, 2026. Signing & submitting this form does NOT automatically clear you for graduation.**

\_\_\_ We, the undersigned, **will participate** in the graduation ceremony and agree to abide with the above conditions.

\_\_\_ We, the undersigned, **do not** choose to participate in the graduation ceremony.

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Student Name Printed

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Student Signature and Date

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Parent Signature and Date