

Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School Class of 2026 Graduation Information

Graduation

Each graduate will be allowed to invite twelve guests. Guests must be seated at least fifteen minutes before the start of ceremony. Children should be seated with a responsible adult. Anyone entering the event must have a ticket. All guests are asked to limit movement during the ceremony so that others may enjoy the commencement exercise. Mask are encouraged for this event. No balloons or noise makers are permitted during the ceremony. Umbrellas are not allowed inside. OCSD clear bag policy will be enforced. If anyone is in violation of the expected Code of Conduct, he or she will be asked to leave the ceremony.

Rehearsal Dates

May 4 – 5 (Senior Exams)

May 11 – 15 (Senior Check-Out)

May 19 – OW Gymnasium @ 8:55 a.m. (Report to the auditorium)

May 20 – OW Gymnasium @ 8:55 a.m. (Report to the gymnasium)

May 21 – SCSU @ 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. (Report to SCSU in SHM Memorial Center)

May 23 – Graduation Ceremony - On the campus of SCSU @ 9:00 a.m. It is imperative that you arrive on time. (Report to Staley Building @ 8:00 a.m.)

O-W 2026 Commencement Exercises

Saturday, May 23, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. – Smith-Hammond-Middleton Memorial Center (on the campus of South Carolina State University). All seniors are to report to Staley Building (on the campus of South Carolina State University) at 8:00 a.m.

Hold Orders and Outstanding Fees

All electronic devices and outstanding fees must be paid for or turned in by May 15, 2026. Only cash and money orders will be accepted. All fees must be paid to Ms. Ny'Aza McFadden or Ms. Rayquetta Shuler (Business Managers) and provide proof of payment for all electronic devices to Mrs. Cynthia Bowman (Media Specialist) in order to be cleared for graduation.

Caps and Gowns

All seniors planning to participate in commencement exercises MUST wear the cap and gown provided by Rhodes Graduation Services (Jostens). Seniors will not be allowed to wear any other type or color cap and gown. No decorations on caps are allowed. Only academic cords, medallions, and stoles will be allowed. If you need graduation regalia, contact Rhodes Graduation Services at 803-485-4503 Press 1 to speak with a representative.

Dress Code

Seniors are reminded that they are still O-W students and they must follow the O-W and OCSD dress code during the graduation exercises.

The following dress code must be followed for graduation exercises:

Females

- All female graduates must wear a dark colored dress and black shoes with sensible heels.
- Any hosiery that is worn must be flesh colored and sheer. - All jewelry must be discreet and tasteful.

Males

-All male graduates must wear a white dress shirt, a dark tie, long black dress pants, black dress socks, and black dress shoes.