

WHS Class of 2026

Important Graduation Information

Graduation

Graduation is on Thursday, May 28, 2026 at 7:00 PM, WHS Stadium. The ceremony will be live streamed on You Tube.

*****In case of extreme heat the day of graduation, we could move start time to half an hour later. Please watch for an update the week of graduation.*****

- Gates open at 6:00 PM. Wristband holders enter the field near Trailee Court. Ticket holders enter the main gate home entrance of the stadium.
- There is no designated special needs seating/section. Ramps are available in the bleachers.
- There will be bottled water sold, but we encourage you to bring your own water. No coolers or umbrellas.

School Issued Regalia

- Graduates who earned a gold or gold plus (TWGPA of 3.76 or better) medal during AMA's will wear a silver stole. Medals and cords given at AMA Awards night can be worn at graduation.
- Graduates who earned recognition and criteria in a school sanctioned club will wear black cords and/or honor pins or club specific stoles.
- Silver cords will be worn for graduates who earned their seal of biliteracy.
- These can be borrowed, or purchased (if you wish to keep them after the ceremony). \$25 for the silver stole, \$10 for cords. Please pay Ms. Souza with exact cash.

Mandatory Practice

May 28, 2026 begins at 9:00am, starting in the large gym. Practice takes approx. 2 hours. Do not schedule hair appointments, lunch dates or anything else before 11:30am.

Graduates must attend practice to participate in the ceremony. Those that do not attend practice will not be able to participate in the graduation ceremony. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Admission

- All guests, except babies (1 year old or under), must have a ticket or wristband.
- Each senior participating in the ceremony will be issued 10 admissions; six tickets for general seating (bleachers) and 4 wristbands for seating on the field behind the graduates. Wristbands must be worn for admission prior to entering the stadium. Additional admissions are not available.
- Seating is limited and all admissions are on a first come, first serve basis.
- Graduates may obtain extra admissions from other students, and the possibility of a lottery may be held at grad practice if there are any extra admissions turned into the AP office by graduates that do not need all their admissions.

Graduates

- Graduates will report to their respective gym at 6:20pm.
- Graduates with the last name A-L: report to the large gym
- Graduates with the last name M-Z: report to the small gym.
- Enter through big rolling black gate near the weight room. Graduates will not be allowed to carry anything into the gyms beside their gown and cap/tassel. Leave your purse, bag, and change of clothes at home or in your car. Graduates do not walk across the main stage.
- Graduates will walk across a small platform in front of the VIP seating. Facing the main stage, students with the last name A-L will walk on the left and M-Z will walk on the right.

Dress Code/Conduct for Graduates

- Dresses, skirts, dress pants, dress shirt, tie, dress shoes. No jeans, shorts, or spike heels.
- If you have questions about your shoes, please bring them to practice to get approval by Ms. Souza.
- Sunglasses when seated are permitted, but not on the way or on the platform while receiving a diploma.
- **Caps and gown may NOT be decorated.**
- AMA Medals and Approved Service/Leadership pins may be worn
- No noisemakers, beach balls, or individual outbursts.

Photographs

Lifetouch Photography will photograph each graduate as they receive their diploma. These photos will be available to purchase from Lifetouch events.lifetouch.com a few weeks after Graduation. Please do not stand in front of people to take photos or videos. No tripods.

Fines

Pay/Clear fines before graduation day in order to receive your diploma. Please log into your Homelink account to view your fines/fees. See Ms. Bogorquez in the Attendance Office to clear fines.

Diploma Pick-up

Graduates only must pick up their diplomas after the ceremony at the outside Attendance windows. Those graduates that wore school issued regalia will turn in their regalia at the Attendance door to Ms. Souza in order to obtain their diploma.