

## IMPORTANT CLASS OF 2026 GRADUATION INFORMATION

### **The Naples High School-Class of 2026 Graduation Ceremony**

The ceremony will be held Friday, May 22, 2026. The ceremony will begin **promptly** at 6 pm in the Naples High School gym. Doors will close sharply at 6:00 pm and any ticketed guests arriving after that will be directed to the auditorium.

### **Graduate Dress Code**

**Girls:** Nice shoes, a dress or skirt and blouse. Your gown should cover both the top and bottom of your clothing. Comfortable shoes versus high heels are recommended.

**Boys:** Dark socks, shoes, and pants along with a white shirt and conventional tie. No flip flops, slides, or jeans.

### **Graduation Tickets for Family/Guests**

Each senior who marches will receive 4 tickets for seating in the gym. Graduation tickets will be given to the students after the last graduation practice. If there is a need for additional tickets, we will do our best to accommodate your request. Contact our Office Manager, Robin Ray-Shaw (239-377-2203 or [rayshr@collierschools.com](mailto:rayshr@collierschools.com)). Please include student ID number and number of tickets requested. If allocated additional tickets, they will be in auditorium seating. The deadline for ticket requests is May 1<sup>st</sup>. A sticker will be placed on the gown packages handed out on the first practice day indicating how many tickets are to be received and where they are located. Tickets will be collected at the doors at graduation. At the end of the ceremony, guests may ask for a ticket for a keepsake. The graduation ceremony will be broadcast live on a giant screen in the Naples High School Auditorium. It will also be live streamed on the Collier County website and may be downloaded.

**\*\*\*If a graduate owes any obligations such as textbooks, library books, computers, fines, temporary badges, uniforms, etc., graduation tickets will be withheld until all obligations are satisfied.**

### **Parking**

Parking for graduates and their guests (ticket holders) will be available in the student parking lot off 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North. Because parking is VERY limited, we strongly encourage family members to travel in the same vehicle whenever possible. The parking lot off Golden Gate Parkway will be used for teacher and staff parking only.

### **Graduate Arrival Time**

Graduates should plan to be **IN THE CAFETERIA** in their caps and gowns no later than 4:45 pm. Immediately upon arrival students should pick up their name cards and get into line alphabetically by their last name. Each line will have a sign for the section of the alphabet for students to line up there. In addition, the name cards will be numbered. Do not bring any purses or bags as there will be no one to watch them or any place to store them.

### **Graduation Main Entrance for Family/Guests**

Only the hall of Fame entrance on the North side of the gym will be used. Doors will open promptly at 4:30 pm. Only gymnasium ticket holders will be permitted access to the gymnasium. (Auditorium tickets are for auditorium seating only.) Tickets will be collected at the door. Family members and guests who want to be seated together are strongly encouraged to plan accordingly and enter the gym or auditorium at the same time. Saving seats will be prohibited under any circumstances. There is limited handicapped seating available. Only 1 family member/guest may be seated along with individual requiring handicapped seating.

**Please note:** No purses, gift bags, balloons, air horns, or strollers will be allowed in the gymnasium or auditorium. **ONLY** wallet sized clutches, medically necessary bags, and diaper bags accompanied by an infant will be allowed. **NO exceptions!** We also ask that you remain in your seat during the ceremony so that all parents may view the event equally.

### **Dress Code for Guests**

Graduation is a dressy occasion. No shorts, jeans, T-shirts, hats/caps will be allowed. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in making graduation a dignified event for our graduates.

### **Diploma Distribution**

During the graduation ceremony, graduates will receive a diploma “cover” only. The actual diploma distribution will take place in the band room (Building 10) AFTER the graduation ceremony. At the conclusion of the ceremony, graduates will walk through the faculty “receiving line” and into the band room through the glass double doors leading into the hallway. They will line up to receive their diploma from their counselor’s table (organized alphabetically). To keep the flow of traffic from jamming up, students will then exit out the band room door closest to the parking lot.

### **NOTE**

Only seniors meeting all graduation requirements will be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony per Collier County School Board policy. Attending the graduation ceremony is a privilege rather than a right. Seniors may lose the privilege of participating in the graduation ceremony based on discipline issues (also per CCPS Board Policy).

## **MANDATORY GRADUATION PRACTICE**

### **Graduation Practices**

There will be 2 graduation practices, **BOTH** are mandatory! Students must be present the entire time at both practices if they want to participate in the graduation ceremony. The first practice will be on Wednesday, May 20th in the gym at 7:30 am. After practice concludes, caps/gowns will be distributed. Your gown bag will have a sticker on it indicating how many tickets you have and whether they are in the gym or auditorium. NOTE: Grad Walk will be on this same day after graduation practice. The second practice will be May 21st in the gym at 7:30 am. After the practice, graduation tickets will be distributed. You must be free of any obligations to receive your tickets.

### **NHS Grad Walk**

Seniors are invited to return to the elementary school they attended for a brief celebratory pep rally. This serves not only as a congratulatory event for the NHS Seniors, but also to motivate the elementary students to one day reach this milestone themselves. Grad Walks are scheduled for 11:00 am on May 20th at all elementary schools.

### **Project Graduation**

Tickets will be on sale for Project Graduation the week before Senior finals at lunchtime. They also will be sold the week of the exams and after graduation practices.

**Final Transcript Requests** All seniors are required to fill out the senior survey per the district. The only college/ university to receive your final transcript will be the one you list on your senior survey. All transcript requests after graduation will need to be made by you by going to the CCPS website. Final transcripts may not be ready until mid June.