

Class of 2026 Graduation Info Packet
June 13th, 2026 | Angel of the Winds Arena @ 7:00pm (Grads arrive at 6:15pm)

Carefully review this information as you are responsible for its contents

Participation in commencement is a privilege and not a requirement. Students participating are **REQUIRED** to attend both rehearsals and to be dressed appropriately for Commencement. Remember: CHS is the School of Pride and has a tradition of excellence!

OBLIGATIONS

All financial obligations must be cleared by **May 1st, 2026**, to participate in senior activities – including Senior Ball.

REQUIRED GRADUATION PRACTICES

There are TWO practices required for participation in the Graduation Ceremony:

- Thursday, June 11th at 8:00 AM | Cafeteria
- Friday, June 12th at 8:00 AM | Main Gym

PRACTICE #1 & Senior Assembly | Seating assignments will be given at the assembly. **Please familiarize yourself with your seat and aisle number before entering practice.** After the assembly, we will head to the gym for the first graduation practice.

PRACTICE #2 | Please go straight to your assigned seats once you arrive.

We will only have two practices; attendance the entire time at both is REQUIRED.

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Graduation is both a ceremony and a celebration, and it's important to recognize that there is an appropriate time and place for each. The ceremony itself should be approached with respect, honoring your achievement and the many people who have supported you along the way. The celebration comes after the ceremony, when it's time to enjoy the moment with family and friends.

STUDENTS | Any behavior that is distracting and/or disrespectful will NOT be tolerated. Please do not bring anything that could be a distraction during the ceremony. This includes—but is not limited to—beach balls or other inflatable objects, silly string, air horns, or other noisemakers. The only items permitted to be worn over the gown are approved honor cords and regalia. Gum chewing is not permitted during the ceremony. Please also do not bring purses or valuables that cannot be secured in a pocket under your gown, as there will be no secure storage available during the ceremony.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS | Angel of the Winds Arena has implemented a clear bag policy. Guests are allowed to bring in a small clutch no larger than 4.5" x 6.5" or a clear bag no larger than 12" x 6" x 12". There will be no onsite bag check and any guest attempting to bring in a non-compliant bag will be denied admission and will have to return the bag to their vehicle.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS CONTINUED | We want this to be a special moment for your graduate and for all graduates. Please be respectful throughout all parts of the ceremony, as a great deal of effort has gone into creating the best experience possible for everyone. Air horns and other artificial noisemakers are not permitted at Angel of the Winds Arena, as they can be distracting. When cheering for your graduate, please limit applause to three seconds or less so that the next graduate and their family can hear their name being announced.

DRESS & DECORUM

Remember that graduation is a formal event, and attire should reflect the significance of this occasion. Students are expected to dress in neat, professional, and appropriate clothing. Footwear should be comfortable, suitable for walking and standing, & safe for the ceremony.

Please keep in mind that graduation robes can be quite warm, so lightweight clothing underneath is strongly recommended.

CAPS AND GOWNS | All graduates will wear CHS-specific caps and gowns. Robes must be fully zipped, and caps should sit flat on your head, with the tassel worn on the RIGHT side.

If you have not yet ordered your cap and gown, please order online from Jostens as soon as possible. For students who have already placed an order, cap and gown distribution will take place on June 2 from 3:30–4:30 PM in the library. Please see Mrs. Porter if you have any questions.

HONOR CORDS | Cords are distributed during Senior Check-Out on Wednesday, June 10th.

In the Everett Public Schools, the purpose of honor cords is to recognize academic achievement that demonstrates scholarship. This is demonstrated by students who excel in course offerings and demonstrate a commitment to challenging coursework. The only items that can be worn over the gown are the following approved honor cords and medallions:

National Honor Society	AP Scholar (passing score on 3 or more AP exams)
Seal of Biliteracy (medallion)	AP Capstone Candidate
3.2+ GPA	AVID Honor Cords
Key Club Cords	ROTC Cords

REGALIA | Adornments of cultural significance are acceptable with prior approval from the principal or principal designee. **All regalia (including cap decorations) must be reviewed and approved on Senior Checkout Day, Wednesday, June 10th.**

Determinations will be made provided that all adornments (including caps):

- Are school appropriate.
- Reflect a culture that you identify with; for example, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander students may wear flower/leaf leis as an item of cultural significance, and respecting this cultural significance, we ask that students who do not self-identify as Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander refrain from wearing leis.
- Do not change or replace the school issued items.
- Are not potentially disruptive to the ceremony or detrimental to the safety and welfare of other students.

Regarding decorating graduation caps, all the same qualifiers apply as well as the following:

- Only objects of cultural significance may be worn on top of graduation caps and must also be approved by the principal or principal designee (see above).
- Cultural symbols will be allowed but text in any language will **not** be allowed.
- No appropriation of other cultures.
- No noise or sound from decorations including no lights or battery-operated items.
- Any symbols must lay flat without exceeding the edges of the cap.
- Height extension to cap may not exceed ½ inch.
- School tassel must be visible and movable.

TICKETS

Each senior participating in commencement will be given fifteen (15) tickets. Distribution of tickets will be at the June 12th practice. Everyone admitted **MUST** have a ticket, and seating is available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

A limited number of extra tickets will be available due to venue space. If you have a definite need for additional tickets, you may request **up to 10 extra tickets** by completing the form on the last page of this packet. We **cannot guarantee** you will receive any/all requested tickets.

If you end up needing fewer tickets than allotted, inform **Mrs. Shaw immediately** so they can be made available to someone else. Please do not hold onto tickets that will not be used—thank you for helping ensure all families can attend.

PICTURES AND VIDEO

Cameras will be allowed in the stands. However, parents will not be permitted in the downstairs areas, nor will seniors be permitted to step out of line for pictures. We have a contract with *Grad Images* for pictures taken at graduation as students cross the stage. Information on these will also be distributed at rehearsal. Pictures can be purchased through www.gradimages.com.

CEREMONY DETAILS

ARRIVAL TIME | Seniors enter through the **Hewitt Avenue at the FOUNTAIN entrance** (not the main entrance on the corner of Hewitt and Wall st) and report to the assigned dressing room no later than 6:15 PM. **Allow time for traffic and parking in the area as it may still be crowded from the graduation before ours**. Families and other guests enter through the main doors on the corner of Hewitt and Oakes.

ORDER OF EVENTS:

1. Prelude by the band
2. Dignitaries enter
3. Seniors and Faculty enter
4. National Anthem
5. Opening remarks by Mr. Takayoshi
6. Music
7. Awards
8. Class speakers
9. Music

10. Presentation of diplomas (picture taken while you are shaking hands)
11. Bruin Whisper
12. Turning of the tassel
13. Recessional led by ASB Officers
14. Meet family and friends outside Arena immediately after
15. Dignitaries leave the stage
16. Celebrate!

AFTER THE CEREMONY

The gown, stole, cap, and tassel are the graduates to keep.

Your family and other guests are not to be downstairs before or after graduation. After graduation, you will go directly outside of the arena to meet family and guests. You will need to exit the Event Center in a timely manner.

Your actual diploma, final transcript, report card, as well as your immunization records will be mailed to the address we have on file. **MAKE SURE THE OFFICE HAS YOUR CURRENT ADDRESS.**

GRADUATION-RELATED EVENTS

SENIOR TEA | June 2nd, at 3:00 PM in the cafeteria.

CAP AND GOWN DISTRIBUTION | June 2nd from 3:30–4:30 PM in the library.

If you are unable to pick up your cap and gown during this time, you will need to pick it up from Mrs. Porter instead. **Please pick it up as soon as possible so you can remove it from the packaging and allow wrinkles to come out.**

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRAD WALKS | Tuesday, June 9th -- Contact the school that you will be walking at for the time and all other details.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GRAD WALKS | Wednesday, June 10th -- Contact the school that you will be walking at for the time and all other details.

***MANDATORY* SENIOR CHECK-OUT DAY** | June 10th in the library – Time is based on last name: Last Names starting with A-M from 8am to 10:45am and N-Z 11:30am to 1pm // You will check-in devices, books, and gather other signatures. **Graduation requirements must be met by this day!**

***MANDATORY* SENIOR ASSEMBLY** | June 11th, at 8:00 AM in the cafeteria senior department awards will be handed out.

***MANDATORY* GRAD PRACTICE #1** | June 11th right after assembly in the gym. Seating assignments will be given at the assembly. Please familiarize yourself with your seat and aisle number before entering practice. After the assembly, we will head to the gym for the first graduation practice.

***MANDATORY* GRAD PRACTICE #2** | June 12th at 8:00 AM in the Main Gym Please go straight to your assigned seats once you arrive.

