



CLASS OF 2026 Graduation Information

Tips and Guidelines to follow for the Graduation Ceremony



- ▶ Steam robes thoroughly. Do not iron.
- ▶ Nothing is to be visible as part of the Graduation attire except what is provided by Jostens.
- ▶ **NO OUTSIDE CORDS OR STOLES!!**
(Military,
Religious, Ethnic, NO EXCEPTIONS)

Female attire

- ▶ You may wear any school appropriate attire under your robe (Pants must be black if they will be seen under robe)
- ▶ **Black shoes must be worn** (flats or wedges appropriate for walking up and down ramps)
- ▶ If sneakers are worn, they must be **ALL BLACK**
- ▶ NO flip flops or spikey heels
- ▶ Skirts and dresses should not be visible under the bottom hem of the robe.
- ▶ Only small post/hoop earrings may be worn
- ▶ Flesh colored hose/tights (optional)



Male Attire

- ▶ Black dress pants or shorts may be worn under robe
- ▶ Shirts must be worn. Collar and tie are optional
- ▶ **Black shoes**
- ▶ If sneakers are worn, they must be **ALL BLACK**
- ▶ NO flip flops



Additional information

Class rings and/or small post/hoop earrings are acceptable

Dangling earrings or large hoops are NEVER to be worn with academic regalia or any kind of robe.

Leave purse and other personal items with your parents and/or family

There is NO secure place to store personal effects during the ceremony.

Please, as a personal favor to your classmates, no heavy perfume or cologne.

Additional Information

01

Caps should be worn so that the pointed end fits directly between the eyebrows, two fingers' widths above the eyebrows.

02

They are never worn pushed to the side or the back of the head.

03

Hair should be styled so that the cap will fit properly and lay flat.

Graduation Cap Decoration

This year students MAY decorate their Graduation Caps.

*Cap decoration is optional

*All decorations must be school appropriate and will be approved at graduation practice on Wednesday 5/20.

*No decorations that obstruct the view of others

***If your decorations are not school appropriate and/or offensive, you will be pulled from the graduation line up and will not be able to participate in the ceremony.**

***Make sure the decorations are school appropriate and do not contain symbols or sayings that could be deemed inappropriate or offensive**

Additional information

- ▶ You cannot wear anything over your robe that is not part of the official graduation apparel.
- ▶ **You will be pulled out of the graduation line if you are not properly dressed!**

To BE certified for graduation, a senior must adhere to the following:

- ▶ Pass all course requirements.
- ▶ Complete all semester hour requirements
- ▶ Pay all outstanding debts including senior dues. Senior dues are required to participate in the graduation ceremony and can be paid through Revtrak. Dues are currently \$155 until April 30 and then will increase to \$165.
- ▶ All outstanding fees (including senior dues) must be paid by **May 10th** to walk in the graduation ceremony.
- ▶ Attend all graduation practices.



CAUTION... AS OF Monday 3/30/26

- ▶ 99... Seniors have not paid their Senior Dues!!!! Senior Dues are Mandatory for participation in all Senior Events, including the Graduation Ceremony! **DEADLINE FOR SENIOR DUES IS Sunday, May 10, 2026!**





CAUTION... AS OF Friday 3/27/26

***49** Seniors failing **1 class**

***19** seniors failing **2 classes**

***10** Seniors failing **3 classes**

* **1** Seniors failing **4 classes**

*Any senior required to complete intercession for Graduation, will not be allowed to participate in senior class events (i.e. cookout, movie, breakfast).

We will have one Graduation Ceremony!

**The ceremony will begin at 8 P.M.
on Thursday May 21, 2026, Rain or Shine!**

Ceremony

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The ceremony will be
livestreamed during the event.
The streaming link will be given
at a later date.

Rehearsal for Graduation

- ▶ All graduating seniors **must attend both Graduation rehearsals.**
- ▶ There will be two Graduation rehearsal dates; Wednesday, May 20th at 9 AM and Thursday May 21st at 9 AM. **All Seniors are required to attend both rehearsals.**
- ▶ You should report to the Cafeteria by 8:45 A.M. on Wednesday, May 20th and 21st. Rehearsal will begin promptly at 9 A.M.
- ▶ Plan to stay until about 12:00 P.M. each day.
- ▶ Failure to attend either practice will mean **NOT** participating in the Graduation Ceremony.
- ▶ **NO ONE will be allowed to leave practice early for any reason.**
- ▶ **Attendance is MANDATORY.**

Graduation Day PARKING

- ▶ NO parking passes will be given to anyone.
- ▶ Please plan to arrive early.
- ▶ Campus will open at 5:30 PM.
- ▶ We strongly encourage carpooling in order to ensure that you will have a place to park. Parking is limited on campus.
- ▶ **Shuttle Transportation: Complimentary shuttles to the graduation ceremony are available at Hiram Elementary School and P.B. Ritch Middle School beginning at 5PM.**

Graduation Ceremony

- ▶ Thursday, May 21, 2025, at 8:00 P.M.
- ▶ All graduating seniors will report to the cafeteria at 6:00 P.M. Graduates should immediately go to their designated areas so that attendance can be taken, and dress code requirements can be checked.

Diploma Distribution

- ▶ You may pick up your diploma immediately after the graduation ceremony.
- ▶ Diplomas will be picked up immediately following the ceremony in the **Field House**.
- ▶ **Only YOU**, as a graduate, may pick up your diploma.

Senior events arm band distribution arm bands are required for entry to all senior events!!!

Senior Arm
Bands will be
distributed on
May 6, 7, and
8 in room 201.



Bands will only
be distributed
to students
that are "All
Clear", which
means you
have no
outstanding
debts (i.e.
Dues or fees).



You can get an
armband during
the following
times: Before
school until
8:15AM, After
School until 4PM,
or during 2nd block
with your
teacher's
permission.
Additional times
will be announced
at a later date.



**DO NOT
INTERRUPT
MY CLASSES
TO GET AN
ARMBAND!!!!
!!!!!!!**

QUESTIONS



- ▶ IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO EMAIL MRS. BENSON AT KBENSON@PAULDING.K12.GA.US