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2026 Graduation Information and Behavior Guidelines

GRADUATION CEREMONY FRIDAY, JUNE 12TH, 2026 – 6:30 P.M - 9:00 P.M. – LAWLOR EVENTS CENTER

MANDATORY REHEARSAL – Friday, June 5th, 2026 – 12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M. – Large Gym

TRANSCRIPTS

- Transcripts showing that a student has graduated from high school must be ordered after the ceremony visit www.reedhigh.com and click on “transcripts” to order after graduation.

REASONS FOR HOLDING CAPS AND GOWNS & WHO TO SEE

- **Lack of required credits and students in jeopardy of failing a class(es) see Counselor or Registrar**

PICTURES

- Photos must be taken prior to the ceremony
- Photos will be taken in the Silver and Blue Room
- Bell Photo is the designated photographer for the 2026 WCSD commencement ceremonies
- Parents are not permitted in the ready rooms

SENIOR PRANKS

Senior pranks have become destructive to our school in recent years. Therefore, the Washoe County School District has taken a strict position of no tolerance regarding Senior pranks. If you are caught taking part in these activities, you will be denied the opportunity to participate in the graduation ceremony.

GRADUATION INFO

Each senior will be given their 10 tickets and 3 parking passes at delivery of caps and gowns on Friday, May 29th in the large gym

Reed High School June 12th, 2026, 6:30 PM Lawlor

Please visit the Reed High School webpage for a live graduation YouTube link

IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT GRADUATION TICKETS

- Graduation is a meaningful milestone and a special time for our students, families, and school communities. To ensure a fair and positive experience for everyone, we want to remind all students and families that graduation tickets are not to be sold or posted online for resale.



- The sale of graduation tickets — whether in person or through online platforms or social media — is strictly discouraged. Each ticket is provided for the purpose of allowing loved ones to attend and celebrate this important event, not for personal profit. If you have questions regarding tickets, please contact the school directly.

Parking passes must be presented to enter the garage. Tickets for graduation must be shown to get into Lawlor Events Center.

- **Families and invited guests enter via the upper concourse at Doors 22 and 36**
- ***Disabled guests may access through the South Entrance and use the elevator to the concourse level to find seating. Individuals with mobility impairment or adaptive devices will be allowed one guest to accompany them in the disabled seating area.**
- **STUDENTS REPORT TO THE PREPARATION AREA at Lawlor Events Center BY 5:30 p.m.**
- **Audience can arrive an hour prior to the start of graduation.**
- As a courtesy to all, each graduate's family may save no more than ten (10) ticketed seats upon arrival at Lawlor Events Center. Seats may be saved until the start of the ceremony.
- At that time, any open seats may no longer be saved and are open to all.
- **Gold Honor chords will be given out at school. All other chords need to be purchased prior to Graduation and approved at least a week before graduation by the Principal. All chords will be distributed prior to graduation.**
- **POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE begins promptly at 6:30 p.m.** The ceremony should last approx. 2 hours.
- **The Valedictorian/Salutatorian will lead the class followed by the Senior Class Officers, Student Body Officers, and then followed by the honor graduates. The remainder of the class will follow.**

WHAT TO BRING TO GRADUATION

- Nothing!! Leave all valuables at home or have your family keep them. There will be no one to watch personal belongings during graduation. Lawlor Events Center and The Washoe County School District are not responsible for lost or stolen items. **PLEASE, NO CHEWING GUM!**
- **The University of Nevada, Reno has a policy limiting the size and type of bag allowed for all events in an effort to provide a safer environment for the public and expedite entry into athletic venues. For more information: <https://www.unr.edu/lawlor/visit/bag-policy>**

LAWLOR EVENTS CENTER BAG POLICY: Approved Bags

- **Clear tote bag:** Plastic, vinyl or PVC that does not exceed 12" x 6" x 12"
- **Plastic storage bag:** Clear, one (1) gallon, resealable
- **Small clutch purse:** Approximately the size of a hand with or without a strap or handle. No larger than 4.5" x 6.5" and can be carried separately or within an approved plastic bag.

STUDENT DRESS FOR GRADUATION

- This is a formal event; the following guidelines are highly recommended:

DRESS NICE!!

HOW TO WEAR YOUR CAP & GOWN:

- Graduates of Native American descent may affix an eagle feather to the cap in accordance with the American Indian Religious Freedom Act.
- The Class of 2026, graduating seniors from WCSD will be able to decorate their mortarboards for their graduation ceremonies. This is an opportunity to express your pride, joy and gratitude in a way that is unique to you.

Of course, these decorations must also be appropriate and cannot be lewd, obscene, vulgar, profane, contain hate speech, promote violence, promote the use of illicit drugs or create a substantial disruption with the graduation ceremony or any other form of unprotected speech. I trust that you will adhere to these guidelines.

- Press the gown with a cool iron. The gown should fall approximately eight inches from the floor for students. The cap should be placed forward on your head with the short point almost between your eyebrows and the board parallel to the floor. The tassel is to be placed to the left side of the board, over your eye. You will move the tassel to the right side when the announcement is made at the completion of the graduation ceremony. You may want to put your name inside your cap.

Senior Info Meeting May 14th 10:30 am during 4th period in gym. Jostens (626-4944 or www.Jostens.com) will show how to properly wear a cap & gown.

ACADEMIC AWARDS

- Any candidate for graduation who wishes to wear an academic award at commencement presented by a group or organization not affiliated with the school district shall make the request in writing at **least seven calendar days prior** to the scheduled commencement date. The request shall be delivered to Mr. Rosenbloom. It is the responsibility of the student to provide documentation that establishes the appropriateness of the award. The decision of the principal to grant or deny the request shall be delivered to the student as soon as possible after its receipt. Should the student wish, the principal's decision may be appealed using the public complaint protocol. Complaint forms are available at all schools and online. Every effort shall be made to resolve the issue prior to the scheduled commencement. Academic awards such as Honors Diploma, Advanced Diploma, and National Honors Society may be indicated by wearing academic chords when appropriate. These honors **WILL NOT**, however, be designated in the commencement program.

STUDENT BEHAVIOR / DEMEANOR OF SPECTATORS

- Reed's graduation exercises are planned as a dignified and solemn ceremony. It is expected that all spectators, parents, family, and friends will behave in an appropriate manner respectful of the accomplishments of our fine graduates.
- **Students who do not behave properly will be removed immediately from the graduation area. Any student who leaves the Lawlor Events Center prior to crossing the stage for any reason other than an emergency will not be allowed to return to their seat.** Diplomas will not be issued to these students but will be issued to the parents at a conference with the school principal to be requested by the parents and held within 30 days after graduation. School personnel are assigned supervisory responsibilities to assist graduates during the ceremony. Should a student be found to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol at the ceremony, he/she will be denied the opportunity to participate, will be removed from the graduation area, and placed in police custody.

GRADUATION DISRUPTION

- **Air horns are not allowed**
- **Confetti, balloons and balloon bouquets are not permitted inside the arena**
- **Items that are designed to be blown up or thrown are not allowed in the Lawlor Events Center. Violators of this directive will be removed from the graduation, and their diploma will be held pending a later contact.**
- **SIGNS, AIRHORNS, AND/OR ANY OTHER NOISE MAKERS ARE FORBIDDEN AND WILL BE CONFISCATED IF FOUND ON THE PREMISES.**

DIPLOMAS & PROGRAMS

- Do not panic.... your diploma will **not** be in the diploma cover! You will go to the Silver and Blue Rooms after the recessional to pick up your diploma. Tables will be set up alphabetically. Please immediately report there following the ceremony. This will allow you to meet your family outside in a timely manner.
- Families and guests will not be permitted beyond the upper concourse. Plan to meet your student outside the upper concourse after the ceremony. No food or drink will be allowed inside Lawlor.