

DAWSON HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2026
GRADUATION INSTRUCTIONS
May 21st, 2026 – 7:30PM.

➤ **Senior Check-Out Sheet**

Senior Check-Out is **mandatory**. Seniors **must** turn in a completed Senior Check-Out Sheet on Monday, May 18, 2026, between 8:00a.m.–10:00 a.m. Students will not be able to participate in the graduation ceremony unless they have successfully completed the Senior Check-Out and Graduation Code of Behavior. To avoid long lines at check-out, please make sure your fines/fees have been paid and all district devices/textbooks have been turned in.

➤ **Graduation Practice – Graduating Seniors Must Arrive by 7:45 A.M.**

Graduation practice is **mandatory** and will be held from 8:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 19, 2026, in the gym. All graduating seniors must attend and stay for the entire practice.

➤ **Arrival Time /Dress Code – May 21, 2026 – Pearland Stadium**

Please arrive at PHS no later than 6:00 p.m. **with cap, gown, and stole in hand**. Students will report to the Fine Arts Gym (nearest to the stadium). Students must have appropriate shoes to walk....no high heels, no flip flops, house shoes, etc... Ladies must wear a dress or a blouse and skirt/slacks. Gentlemen must wear a dress shirt and slacks. **NO JEANS OR SHORTS for anyone.** Only piercings in the ear are allowed. Do not add decorations, writing, etc... to the hat. Please refer to the Graduation Code of Behavior for appropriate dress. **Any student not complying with the dress code will not be allowed to participate.**

➤ **Medals and Honor Cords**

All students receiving academic excellence medals and honor cords were given these items during the Senior Awards Ceremony on April 29th. It is your responsibility to bring these awards with you to the graduation ceremony. Only the medals, cords, and stoles approved by the PISD school board and distributed by the campus are allowed.

➤ **Diplomas**

Diplomas will be distributed by the row leaders after the ceremony. Any behavior by students, parents, or guests which detracts from the graduation ceremony will result in the removal of offending parties from the premises. We reserve the right to withhold diplomas for behavior until consequences have been served.

➤ **Noisemakers, Etc...**

Please do not bring noisemakers of any sort. A clear bag policy is in effect. Bags will be checked at the door and all noisemakers, beach balls, or any other item that could be a distraction during the ceremony will be confiscated. No umbrellas will be allowed.

➤ **Students: Purses, Cell Phones, Cameras, etc. .**

Personal items will not be allowed on the field...please only bring your keys with you to graduation. **Cell phones must be put away and set to silence during the ceremony.** Keep all other personal items such as purses, makeup etc. secure in your vehicle or at home. If these items are brought to graduation, they will be checked in and you will have to return them to your car. **The school is not responsible for lost items.**

If you should have any questions regarding any of the above information, please contact Shelly Black or Kori Spruce at 281-412-8800 or blacks@pearlandisd.org or sprucek@pearlandisd.org