

DOLORESSILASHIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2026 COMMENCEMENT GUIDE

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[GRADUATION WEBSITE- SILASHIGH SCHOOL](#)



Senior Awards

- The Honor Cord Ceremony is for seniors with a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.2 or higher and will be held on Tuesday, May 12th in the Auditorium, beginning at 6:00 p.m. This event is by invitation only.
- The Scholarship and Senior Awards Ceremony Held Wednesday, May 27th in the auditorium, beginning at 6:00 p.m. This event is by invitation only.

Senior Ball

- The Senior Ball is on Friday, June 5th at the Tacoma Art Museum 8:00 – 11:00 p.m. All guests, including Silas non-seniors must be approved by Ms. Bennett by May 21st.
- Tickets must be purchased in advance and go on sale the end of May. Tickets will **not** be available for purchase at the door. Remember: **You will need picture ID to get into the dance.** Senior Ball is a formal event.

Graduation Rehearsal

Thursday June 4th 10:20am in
Silas High School Auditorium.

Senior Checkout

- Senior checkout is June 5th 8:30–10:30am. Please bring your laptop, charger, and any items which you may have outstanding. Once a student is cleared of fines and has passed all graduation requirements you will receive approval to graduate and your 8 free graduation tickets. Students must meet all graduation requirements to walk in the graduation ceremony and receive a diploma. No exceptions!
- A – G Mr. Coleman
- H – N Ms. Madison
- O – Z Ms. Newman

Running Start Students:
Please show your counselor
your canvas course grade
verification during checkout on
June 5th.



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Graduation Tickets /Guest Info

Each senior will receive eight free tickets (MUST BE DEBT FREE). Additional tickets may be purchased at Silas High School for \$10.00 or at the Tacoma Dome on graduation day for \$10.00. Tickets will go on sale at a date to be determined. Your free tickets will be given to you at senior check-out once it is verified that you have no fines.

Elementary Graduation Walks

- Grab your caps, iron/steam your gown, and stole! Monday June 8th. Get ready to walk the halls of your elementary school! Our TPS elementary schools would like to welcome you back to honor your accomplishments and to inspire the little ones.
- Please meet your group in the main office of your elementary school dressed in your cap, gown, and stole just prior to 2:30 PM. Wear your tassel on your right side.
- If the elementary school you attended is not in Tacoma Public Schools, you may find a friend and attend with them at their school.

Graduation Ceremony -About 1 Hour

Wednesday, June 10th, at 4:30 p.m. at the Tacoma Dome. Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from. Parents and guests will enter the Dome through the upper SW Gate. Handicapped plus up to three others sitting on the main floor will enter at the lower NW Gate. Following the ceremony, family and friends may meet graduates OUTSIDE the lower gate A of the Dome.

Ceremony Guidelines

Please remember that graduation is a formal ceremony. **Only clear plastic bags will be allowed.** Please do not bring any food, drinks, helium balloons, and liquid string in aerosol cans, beach balls, gum, or other objects. You will be searched; security will confiscate these items, and you may be asked to leave. (Aerosol cans carried by graduates or audience are prohibited in the contract that Tacoma Public Schools has with the Dome.) Tacoma School District Security and Tacoma Police Officers will be at the door of the Tacoma Dome to enforce both Tacoma School District and Tacoma Dome regulations and policies.

Graduates may wear honor cords and medallions awarded by Silas, NO OTHER adornment including leis, corsages, boutonnieres, etc. will be allowed.

We are requesting that students do not throw their caps into the air at the end of the ceremony. This is a dangerous act that could cause injury.

Parking-Graduation Ceremony

Graduates, parents and guests may park in lots A, B, F or G. Disabled parking with permits in lots D, E, and K. **Parking price \$20 per car.**

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Graduation Processional

Graduates will line up at the lower gate A to enter the dome. Plan to arrive by 3:45 p.m. If your name is not on the graduation list, you will not be permitted to enter the Dome and participate in the graduation ceremony. After you are dressed in your cap and gown, please pick up your name card from the table in the northwest corner of the main floor. Staff will be there to assist with phonetic spelling on name cards. Then find your partners and line up in your row of four, as rehearsed.

Transcripts

Final official transcripts are now requested through the Parchment system. Go to the following site:
silas.tacomaschools.org then scroll to the very bottom of site Under TOOLS Click 'Transcript Requests'

Valuables at Graduation

There is no secure storage for purses, cell phones, or other valuables at the Dome. Please don't ask staff to watch over your valuables. **Leave them at home or in the care of guest/guardian.**

Graduation Photos

Photos will be available on TPS website following the graduation ceremony. See website link above.

Graduation Ceremony Live Feed

Tacoma's Public Information Office will live stream graduation on Facebook. See website link above.

Diploma Distribution

Diplomas **will not** be given out at the graduation ceremony. Graduates can pick up their diplomas from the office beginning July 20th, Mon–Thur. from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Students over 18 must pick up their own diploma unless written permission is received to release it to a parent. Each senior will receive their diploma from Silas and can access an online version on parchment. Seniors do not need to purchase a replacement or a graduation verification. There is no fee for a diploma/graduation. If you are deficient in credits or owe fines, **you will not** receive your diploma until fines are paid and credits/state requirements are met.

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Schedule of Senior Events

Thursday, March 26
Cap and Gown Pick up
Auditorium | 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 12
Senior Awards – Honor Cords
Auditorium | 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 27
Senior Awards – Scholarships
Auditorium | 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 4
Graduation Rehearsal & Parade
Auditorium | 10:20 a.m.

Friday, June 5
Senior Checkout
Auditorium | 8:30–10:30 a.m.
Senior Ball
Tacoma Art Museum |
8:00–11:00 p.m.

Monday, June 8
Elementary Walks
Various Schools | 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 10
Graduation lasts about an hour
Tacoma Dome | 4:30 p.m. (arrival
by 3:45 p.m.)
Graduation – Silas High School