

REQUIRED DRESS FOR GRADUATES



Beginning with the graduation of 1963, when The Bolles School dropped its military affiliation, the graduates wore white pants and blue blazers at graduation to distinguish themselves from the cadets who wore military uniforms in previous years. With the graduation of the first female students in the class of 1972, the School added white dresses as part of the ceremony. To honor these traditions, please adhere to the following requirements for your graduate:

For Females:

The dress should:

- be white, not off-white or cream,
- maxi or midi (mid-shin) length, and
- have sleeves or straps of a minimum $\frac{3}{4}$ " width.
- The tops of the dresses must provide appropriate coverage and may not feature excessively low necklines.
- The backs of the dresses can't be lower than the bottom of the shoulder blades.

The shoes should:

- be white and have a low-heel, as the graduate will be walking on various surfaces including grass. Flats or wedges are a safe choice.
- Flip-flops or sneakers are not in keeping with the formal nature of the event.

For Males:

The shirt should:

- be light blue,
- be button-down,
- be designed to wear with a tie.

The jacket should:

- be dark blue.

The pants should:

- be white, not off-white or cream,
- be designed to wear with a belt. The belt should be brown or black.

The shoes should:

- be brown or black,
- be leather dress shoes.

The tie should be a traditional or bow tie with a conservative pattern. Ties with characters, commercial products, advertising, team logos, etc. are not in keeping with the formal nature of the event.

For all Students:

As during the school day,

facial piercings, tattoos that are lewd, offensive or are a representation of illegal activity must be covered or otherwise not visible.

Hair should be neat, well-kept and out of the eyes at all times.

Any questions about the above should be addressed prior to Graduation Day with the Deans of Students [Ms. Jen Willis](#) or [Mr. Mike Boswell](#). Any accommodations to the guidelines should be directed to the Assistant Head of Upper School, [Ms. Piper Moyer-Shad](#).