

Options High School Graduation

Thursday, May 23, 2024 7:00-9:00 PM

Heritage High School Auditorium

High school graduation happens only ONE time in your life...let's make it a dignified and special evening.

Student Expectations Checklist:

- Please be at Heritage High School by 6:00PM to prepare and organize with family and staff. Please plan to meet upstairs, on the 2nd level.
- Dress:
 - Your gown should be ironed. Use a cool setting. Hang on a coat hanger--in most cases it will "iron itself".
 - The mortarboard (academic cap) is to be worn flat on top of the head. If you choose to decorate:
 - Dignified and respectful – all will be reviewed by staff prior to the ceremony
 - No drug/alcohol references, weapon references, or acronyms allowed
 - If your cap is deemed inappropriate, we will have a limited number of undecorated caps available as you will not be able to wear an unapproved cap
 - Wear comfortable, nice looking shoes.
 - Please no flip-flops or super high heels
 - You will be walking across the stage, with steps etc to navigate
 - Make sure you can walk safely without falling off heels or uneven ground
 - Dress nicely. This is a formal event.
 - No sunglasses please.
 - Do not plan to carry anything in your hands during the ceremony.
 - Wear your mortarboard tassel on the right side until you have received your diploma. After receiving your diploma move your tassel to the left.
- Behavior:
 - Students will not be permitted to participate in the ceremony if they have consumed alcohol or other substances. Smoking/vaping is not permitted on school grounds.
 - In keeping with the integrity and dignity of the ceremony, toys (e.g. beach balls, bubbles, etc) will not be allowed.
 - Students must comply with all school rules. Heritage HS has been so gracious to offer the auditorium to us. Please be respectful of this privilege.
 - Cell phones MUST be turned off and kept out of sight during the ceremony.
 - Pictures are welcome before and after the ceremony. Parents and family members can take pictures during the ceremony.

As mentioned above, the commencement ceremony is **a formal, dignified occasion**. We ask students to remain quiet and respectful during the entire ceremony. Each student deserves to have his or her name heard, so we ask that students and family members save their cheers for the end of the ceremony when students toss their mortar boards in the air. The last student in line deserves the same recognition as the first.

I have read the OHS graduation expectations above and agree to abide by them. I understand that participation in the commencement ceremony is not mandatory, and if my dress or behavior does not meet expectations and/or detracts from the ceremony, I could be asked to leave the premises.

_____ Student name (printed) _____ Signature