



Akron Central School District

In Pursuit of Excellence

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Dear Class of 2025 and Parents/Guardians,

Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal

Graduation rehearsal is scheduled for Friday, June 27th and is **mandatory** for any senior wishing to be included in the ceremony later that night. Students should arrive by 9:00 am and be seated in the Aud. Rehearsal should take approximately one hour provided all seniors arrive on time.

Graduation

Graduation is scheduled for Friday, June 27th, at 7:00 pm in the Edward Allen Auditorium. Students should arrive no later than 6:00 pm and report directly to the Performance Gym. Each student will receive **8 tickets**. Students will receive these tickets at the graduation rehearsal. **Please note that all outstanding/lost district items owed, including Chromebooks and chargers, must be returned or paid in full to receive your graduation tickets.** We have had many requests for extra tickets. At this time, all seats have been accounted for. The ceremony will also be streamed through our YouTube channel ([Akron Central School District - YouTube](#)) and the MPR will also be utilized for overflow and will stream the ceremony as well.

Photo Opportunities

The district will have a photographer on campus to take pictures of our graduates once they receive their diplomas. Please see the attached flyer for access to photos. ([Graduation Photo Flyer](#))

Dismissal

Graduates will exit the Auditorium and will meet their families at the front lot of the school in the bus loop for pictures immediately following the ceremony.

Cap and Gowns

Students will receive their cap and gown at the senior walk on June 13th. We understand that some students may want to individually decorate their cap for a variety of reasons. Please adhere to the following expectations when decorating your graduation cap. Failure to follow these expectations will result in the removal of the cap at the ceremony and may result in your senior not participating in Graduation. Students **will not** be allowed to participate in the ceremony without an Akron-issued cap and gown. Indigenous students may request to wear their complete traditional outfit to the building principal or assistant principal no later than June 13th. Gowns **cannot** be altered or decorated.

Graduation caps must not:

- Contain any advertisement, symbols, abbreviations, initials, words, slogans, patches, or pictures that refer to drugs or controlled substances, tobacco, alcohol, or weapons, or be of a sexual nature
- Denote an affiliation with gangs that advocate drug use, violence, illegal activity, or disruptive behavior that is detrimental to the safety and welfare of other students
- Be obscene, profane, vulgar, or lewd
- Include numbers other than graduation year

- Threaten the safety and welfare of any person
- Include political affiliations

Decoration Criteria:

- Only the flat, top area of the mortar board may be decorated. There may be nothing hanging down from the sides of the cap.
- Decorations must be flat on the surface of the cap. Excessive 3-D creations are prohibited.
- Graduation caps will be reviewed and approved in advance of the ceremony.

It is appropriate to put the following on your cap:

- Thank a parent, grandparent, teacher, friend
- Recognize the university you will be attending
- Your graduation year
- The branch of the military you will be joining

Gowns should not be altered or decorated for any reason. The gown represents the uniformity of the graduating class as you are all part of the Class of 2025.

Nya:wëh and Go Tigers!

Sincerely,

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