

Class of 2022



Senior Bulletin

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Dear Seniors and Parents/Guardians of Graduating Seniors:

Congratulations on the achievements that have prepared you for graduation from Green Hope High School. In preparation for this special evening, there are several important matters for you to consider and share with your invited guests.

The Commencement Program will be held at the Raleigh Convention Center on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, at 8:00 pm. Admission to graduation is by paper ticket (10 per graduate). A ticket admits one person into the Convention Center. Every person entering the Convention Center must have a ticket, including babies and small children. Seating is first-come, first-served. Parent and guests may not reserve or hold seats for others. The only reserved sections are the seating for seniors, faculty, and designated seating for guests using wheelchairs. The school does not handle requests for additional tickets. We encourage students and parents to contact each other in terms of securing additional tickets. Please note that graduation announcements are NOT tickets to the ceremony.

Strawbridge Studios, the school's official photography company, will photograph graduates as they receive their diploma covers. Graduates will be provided information on how to order pictures at the June 10th rehearsal. Once you receive this info, you'll use this link to view your proofs: <http://www.strawbridge.net>

Families of students who do not complete graduation requirements will be notified of their student's graduation status by their school counselor no later than 12:30 p.m. on Monday, June 13th, provided the student takes his/her exams as scheduled.

While graduation certainly is a joyous occasion, our students, their families, and our staff deserve a dignified ceremony that honors our graduates. Each graduate, the graduate's family, and guests should be able to hear the graduate's name called during the presentation of diplomas. Help us in this respect by reviewing the following pages with your family and guests.

We are proud to salute the Class of 2022. The administration and staff look forward to seeing you at the ceremony at the Raleigh Convention Center on June 15th. Congratulations!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Due Now!

[Scholarship Reporting Form](#) and [Senior Survey](#) Students must use their WCPSS accounts.

Senior Exams

Senior Exams: June 6th-9th

Make-up Exams: June 10th

MANDATORY Graduation Rehearsal

Friday, June 10, 10:30-12:00 p.m., Green Hope High School campus

Graduation Ceremony

Wednesday, June 15, 8:00 p.m. at the Raleigh Convention Center

Seniors should arrive by 7:00 p.m.

Families and guests will be admitted starting at 7:15 p.m.

Senior Awards Assembly

Friday, June 10, 9:00 a.m.

Green Hope High School Auditorium

The assembly is for seniors and invited guests. Invited guests should arrive and be seated no later than 8:45 a.m.

MANDATORY GRADUATION REHEARSAL

Date: Friday, June 10

Time: Begins promptly at 10:30 am

Place: Green Hope High School

Graduates must be present at rehearsal to walk at graduation.

Please:

- Arrive by 10:00 am.
- Follow directions to line-up on designated spot.
- Remember that GHHS Universal Expectations continue to be in place.
- Pay close attention to the instructions provided during the rehearsal so that the ceremony goes smoothly, and the rehearsal ends on time.
- Collect stoles at the end of the rehearsal. Lost stoles may not be replaced.
- Collect graduation tickets for guests at the end of rehearsal. Lost tickets will not be replaced.

Please do not:

- Bring or wear cap and gowns at rehearsal.
- Bring personal items, including yearbooks; you will need to keep your hands free.

COMMENCEMENT

Date: Wednesday, June 15

Time: 8:00 pm

Place: Raleigh Convention Center

Please:

- Be on time.
- Wear your cap and gown (double tie tassel).
- Write your full name inside your cap. You will need to show your cap to receive your diploma.
- Plan for traffic, parking, and other delays.
- Graduates report to Gate C at **7:00pm** and wait for Green Hope staff to indicate when to head to the assembly area behind the stage.
- Families may report to Gates A and B at **7:15pm** after entering the Convention Center and wait for gates to open.
- Families can drop off limited mobility guests under the "Shimmer Wall" on McDowell Street.

Additional Raleigh Convention Center (RCC) Reminders

- RCC does not allow anyone to enter the facility with flowers in glass vases, signs, balloons, noise makers, food, drinks, or wrapped packages. Unruly or intoxicated guests will also be prevented from entering.
- Only 1 person will be allowed to accompany wheelchair guests in the reserved wheelchair section of the ceremony.
- Strollers cannot block aisles and will have to be stored at the entrance.
- During the ceremony, individuals should remain seated and should not be out of seats to take pictures or move closer to the stage. Camera tripods cannot block aisles. Guests may videotape from their seat, but tripods may not be set higher than eye level or block the view of other guests.
- Everyone will need to exit the stadium immediately after the ceremony.

GRADUATION ETIQUETTE

- Caps and gowns should always be worn in a dignified way. Be sure the gowns are neatly pressed. Please remember to use a cool iron as the gowns will melt easily if the iron is too hot. **DO NOT WASH OR DRY CLEAN THE GOWNS.** White collars are not worn.
- Graduates always wear caps **STRAIGHT** on the head, parallel to the floor. No cap decorations or alterations will be permitted. Tassels are to be worn on the right side of the cap until the changing of the tassel near the conclusion of the graduation ceremony. You will then be instructed as a group to move the tassels to the left side to signify your graduation. Graduates are expected to hold onto their caps at the end of the ceremony.
- Seniors will graduate in alphabetical order. Upon hearing their name called, each senior will walk across the stage and receive their diploma cover. A senior's name is called approximately every 5 seconds, and the audience will be asked to refrain from applause or noise in order for the next senior's name to be heard. Times for applause will be built into the program at various points. Diplomas will be distributed immediately after the ceremony in the staging area behind the stage. Graduates will show their names written inside of their caps to the staff member distributing diplomas after the end of the ceremony. All unclaimed diplomas will need to be picked up by graduates at GHHS the week following graduation.

- A professional photographer from Strawbridge Studios will take a picture of each senior during the presentation of diploma covers. Students will receive info on how to order photos at rehearsal.
- We do not allow parents and guests to leave their seats and disrupt the ceremony by being in the aisles to photograph graduates. Professional photographers will be at the ceremony to take pictures at the time each student receives their diploma cover.

CEREMONY CONDUCT

- We want graduation to be a happy time for you, but we also want to have a dignified ceremony to honor years of hard work.
- Yelling, loud noises, and pranks during graduation will distract from the ceremony. If necessary, diplomas will be withheld, and students will have to make arrangements to pick them up at Green Hope High School at the principal's discretion.
- Seniors should not have electronic devices out during the graduation ceremony. It is requested that audience members place electronic devices in a silent mode during the entire ceremony.
- All school and school system policies apply to all graduation activities. If you do not abide by the rules, you may be prohibited from participating in the ceremony and/or your diploma may be held and issued at a time decided by the principal.
- No one is allowed to alter attire or add decorations to their cap or gown. Graduates who violate any WCPSS or GHHS standards of conduct, including guidelines in this bulletin, may be removed from the line and may not be allowed to participate in commencement activities. Honor cords will be worn only by members of school recognized honor societies.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Fines and Fees

Seniors who fail to clear their financial responsibilities to Green Hope High School cannot participate in graduation activities. All Seniors should check with teachers and coaches for any fines and fees. All fines and fees must be paid in full by Wednesday, June 1. Fines and Fees are paid online [here](#). Please remember to print a proof of payment in case the receipt is needed.

Senior Chromebook Return

Seniors can return their Chromebooks to the Media Center next Wednesday, June 1st and Thursday, June 2nd before school and during lunch, or at graduation rehearsal. If you are not graduating, you will keep your Chromebook over the summer unless you are transferring to another school district.

All graduating seniors can also request their final transcripts free by going to:
<https://wcpss.scribder.com> The Final Transcript option is in a green box at the bottom of the application.

Directions to Raleigh Convention Center

