Year-End Event Schedule Class of 2024



What	When and Where	Details
Cap & Gown Distribution	Tuesday 3/19 A & B Lunch	The deadline to order graduation regalia is Friday, 3/1. Visit the <u>Jostens</u> website to order. The Jostens link is available on our school website. Select "Students," then "Senior Information."
	Front Lobby	Students must have a cap, gown, and tassel to be appropriately dressed for graduation activities. Additional items are available to order, but not required.
Senior Awards Practice	Wednesday 5/22	Attendance is mandatory. You should NOT wear your cap & gown. You will
	8 AM - 10 AM	report to your 1 st period class and wait to be called down to the main gym. If you do not have a 1 st period class, report to the gym no later than 7:45 AM.
	WFHS Main Gym	
Senior Awards Ceremony	Thursday 5/23	Attendance is mandatory. You MUST wear your cap & gown. You will report to your 1 st period class and wait to be called down to your assigned location. If
	8:30 AM - 10:30 AM	you do not have a 1 st period class, report to the gym no later than 8 AM.
	WFHS Main Gym	You will not be allowed to carry bookbags, jackets, etc. with you into the ceremony. Do not bring them to school that day.
		Parents are invited to attend and encouraged to be seated by 8:20 AM.
Senior Picnic	Thursday 5/23	The senior picnic will take place immediately following the awards ceremony in the football stadium. The picnic is ONLY open to seniors and junior marshals.
	After the Awards Ceremony	The dress code is casual attire - senior t-shirts and/or college t-shirts are required.
	WFHS Football Field	Seniors who ordered yearbooks may receive them if they have no outstanding fines/fees.
Senior Exams	To Be Determined	Students in the 12th grade may be exempt from the final exam if they have (1) earned a final grade of B or higher AND (2) accumulated ten or fewer absences. All absences – excused, unexcused, college visits, etc. – count equally when considering eligibility for exam exemption. Exam exemption does NOT apply to classes with an EOC or other state mandated test, including CTE.
Graduation	Thursday 6/6	Attendance is mandatory. You should NOT wear your cap & gown.
Practice	2 PM - 4 PM	Be on time and plan to stay for the duration. Students who miss practice (1)
	WFHS Main Gym	will not be issued graduation tickets and (2) will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.
Graduation Ceremony (see back for additional details)		
Senior Parade	Tuesday 6/11	Seniors who attended Wake Forest Elementary School - and their parents - are invited to attend. You will get to visit your former teachers and encourage current students to work towards graduation with a parade through the hallways. Please wear your cap & gown.
	12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	
	Wake Forest Elementary School	Check your school email for additional information from Ms. Hinman - ehinman@wcpss.net.

Wake Forest High School Graduation Ceremony Monday 6/10 @ 4:00 PM Raleigh Convention Center



Senior Dues

- Senior dues for the Class of 2024 are \$60.00 and are collected to cover diploma covers and graduation costs. This fee does not include caps, gowns, and tassels.
- Senior dues must be paid in order to receive your graduation tickets. The deadline for payment is Friday, May 24.
- To pay the senior dues, please visit our school website, select "Families," then "Online School Payments," and finally "Senior Dues Class of 2024."

Tickets

- Tickets will not be distributed to anyone who has outstanding fines/fees including library fines, missing Chromebooks, and senior dues.
- The number of tickets will not be determined/available until early May.
- There will not be any extra tickets. If you find that you need more, you will need to speak to other members of your graduating class.

Arrival

- **Graduates will need to arrive by 3 PM**. Allow plenty of time for your travel to the convention center. Traffic on Capital Boulevard and in downtown Raleigh tends to be heavy.
- Carpooling is encouraged, as parking may be limited. You must pay for the vast majority of parking near the Raleigh Convention Center.
- Seniors who arrive late will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Dress Code

- You **MUST** wear your cap & gown.
- Write your name with a dark marker on the inside mortarboard of your graduation cap. You will need to show it in order to claim your diploma at the end of the graduation ceremony.
- You may not decorate your graduation cap or wear cords/stoles that were not issued by Wake Forest High School.
- Attire should be appropriate for a formal occasion. Neutral trousers/slacks, button down shirts with a tie, dresses, skirts, and blouses are acceptable. Jeans, polo shirts, t-shirts, shorts, and hats are not permitted.
- Footwear should be appropriate for a formal occasion dress shoes or sandals in a neutral color. Sneakers, boots, and flip flops are not permitted. For safety reasons, it is HIGHLY recommended that you wear shoes with a heel strap and moderate to low heel. There will be concrete floors and several sets of stairs to navigate during the processional.
- Students who refuse to comply with these guidelines will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony. If you have any questions or need assistance procuring the required items, please see Assistant Principal Woodley (<u>rwoodley@wcpss.net</u>) or Mrs. Kiger (<u>akiger@wcpss.net</u>).

Parents & Guests

- Raleigh Convention Center staff will admit parents and guests approximately 45 minutes before the ceremony begins.
- All parents and guests must have a ticket in order to attend.
- Graduation is a general admission event. Saving seats is not permitted and security will not allow it.
- The following items are prohibited from entering the Raleigh Convention Center: food, drinks, flowers in glass vases, signs, balloons, noise makers, wrapped packages, and counterfeit tickets.
- Accessible parking and seating will be available.
- Lifetouch Studios will photograph the moment each senior receives a diploma. Ordering information will be distributed at graduation practice and made available on the school website. There is no prepayment charge.