

Leesville Road High School

Class of 2023 Graduation Bulletin



Please use this bulletin to guide you through festivities and events surrounding graduation. Senior activities, dates, procedures, and responsibilities are explained for you. Your attention to each activity's details will make your graduation a memorable occasion for you and your family.

The administration, faculty and staff of Leesville Road High School wish the best for each of you.

Enjoy this happy time!

Calendar of Events

Ongoing & ASAP	Caps, gowns, stoles available for pickup in Student Services
Tuesday, May 30	Graduation Reception RSVP due
Tuesday, May 30	Deadline for all scholarships/military commitments to be submitted to Student Services to be announced at the Senior Assembly
Thursday, June 1	Senior Meeting and Assembly Rehearsal: 8:30-10:30 AM (LRHS Gym)
Friday, June 2	Senior Assembly 8:30 AM – approximately 10:30 AM (LRHS Gym) Families and friends are welcome to attend the assembly. No tickets are required. Senior Walk through Leesville Schools campus Senior Picnic immediately afterwards in the LRHS stadium
Monday, June 5-- Friday, June 9	Final Exams <i>*Reminder, if you have a C average or higher in a teacher-made exam course, you are exempt from the final exam. In CTE courses, your exam <u>may</u> be part of coursework you complete in the class. Check with your CTE teacher. EOC exams must be taken.</i> Monday: Math I, Math III, English 2 EOCs Tuesday: 1st & 2nd pd. exams, Bio EOC, CTE Wednesday: 3rd & 4th pd. exams, Bio EOC, CTE
Wednesday, June 7	Last day for financial obligations to be satisfied. Pay online.
Thursday, June 8	Graduation Reception 5-7 PM LRHS Food Court - Desserts and beverages. Dress appropriately: Business casual attire. You will receive your graduation tickets at this event, IF you have cleared all debts, returned your Chromebook, & completed the end-of-year Senior Survey.
Tuesday, June 13	Commencement Exercises 4 PM Admission by ticket only. Each graduate is issued 8 tickets. Raleigh Convention Center (Seniors must arrive at 3 PM for line-up.) Convention Center opens at 3:15 PM for guests.

Honor Society Cords & Military Stoles

ONLY the national organizations listed below may wear honor cords. **Honor Society cords** will be given to students in these organizations by their advisors if all financial, attendance, and service requirements have been met. **Military stoles** issued to committed/enlisted graduates may be worn. Other medals, sashes, stoles, and regalia are not permitted.

- National Honor Society
 - National Achievers Society
 - International Thespian Society
 - Dance Honor Society
 - Art Honor Society
 - Tri-M Music Honor Society
 - Latin Honor Society
 - Spanish Honor Society
 - French Honor Society
 - Technical Honor Society
 - Computer Science Honor Society
 - Sports Medicine Honor Society
 - Math Honor Society
 - English Honor Society
 - Science Honor Society
 - Social Studies Honor Society
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Dress Requirements for Senior Assembly and Graduation

Required dress for Senior Assembly and Graduation is cap, tassel, gown, and stole. Remove these items from the package to help release wrinkles. Also steam the gown rather than use a hot iron - it will melt. It is advisable to affix your stole to your gown, as the materials are slick and tend to slide off.

Women should wear a simple, lightweight dress, shirt and skirt, or shirt and dark pants. **The top should NOT be seen when wearing the gown.** If wearing a dress or skirt, the dress should **not** exceed the gown's length. Women should wear **simple, dark, comfortable, dressy shoes**. Again, shoes must be **dark** in color. No shorts, jeans, or purses. Wear minimal jewelry.

Men should wear a **SOLID WHITE** shirt and a **dark** tie (NO red ties and NO suit coats). **Dark dress pants** (navy, dark gray or black---NO khakis) should be worn with **dark socks** (NOT brown or white). Shoes should be plain **black or dark brown dress shoes** (NO embellishments, no tennis shoes, boots, Sperry's, fancy buckles, etc.).

Caps are worn STRAIGHT on the head, parallel to the floor by men and women. The tassel should be worn on the cap's right side. Pin the tassel in place for all events except Graduation because graduates will move the tassel to the left upon official declaration of graduation. No other tassel may be worn. Caps may **NOT** be decorated (per Wake County policy). You will be given a replacement cap if you bring a decorated cap.

Keys - unless you have pockets, plan to give your keys to someone else for safekeeping.

No chewing gum, no smoking, no vaping, no earbuds, **and no cell phones** while wearing a cap and gown.

Submission of Scholarships & Military Commitments

Date: Tuesday, May 30

Place: Student Services Office

Tuesday, May 30 is the deadline to submit letters regarding scholarships and military commitments or appointments. Seniors who have received scholarships for any school (whether they plan to attend that school or not) or letters of commitment to enter a branch of the armed services should submit a **copy of that letter, along with the scholarship amount** or which **branch of the military**, to Student Services by this date. Only those submitted by this date will be announced at the June 2 Senior Assembly. The form to submit this information can *soon* be found on the **LRHS Senior Information: All Things 2023** link.

Senior Meeting & Assembly Rehearsal

Date: Thursday, June 1

Place: Main gym

Time: 8:30-10:30 AM

ALL SENIORS MUST ATTEND. Do NOT bring or wear caps and gowns for this meeting. Dress is casual school attire. Seniors will learn procedures for senior assembly and graduation. This event is of the utmost importance this year as we are NOT able to hold a practice at the Convention Center. We will explain the order for lining up at these events and hold a practice as part of this meeting. Every senior, **including late arrival students**, must be present. Seniors will receive **TICKETS FOR THE SENIOR CLASS PICNIC** at this rehearsal.

Suggestions: Bring the shoes you plan to wear at the assembly to this practice. This will help you determine if you can feasibly walk in them and if they meet the graduation dress code. Seniors will take part in the Senior Walk throughout the entire Leesville campus after the Assembly, which will involve walking up and down steps as well. Comfortable shoes are vital!

Also, take note of which side of the gym you are seated when facing the stage. Please relay this information to your family so they may choose their seats in the gym accordingly.

Senior Assembly & Leesville Campus Senior Walk

Date:

Friday, June 2

Place: Main gym

Time:

Assembly will begin at 8:30 AM and should end at approximately 10:30 AM

(**Seniors should report to their designated place, Aux Gym or Auditorium, no later than 7:45am).

This event is for families and friends to attend. All are welcome. **No Tickets Required.**

Seniors MUST wear caps and gowns as well as appropriate attire outlined in this bulletin. Seniors will process in cap and gown and will conduct a program recognizing seniors receiving scholarships and military appointments. The program will conclude with a slide show and a Senior Walk through the Leesville campus. Seniors will then meet parents in the courtyard after the Walk.

If younger siblings who attend LRHS plan to attend Senior Assembly, parents must follow this procedure:

Provide underclassmen siblings with a handwritten signed note, which will be given to the teacher from whose class they leave to attend the assembly. They will not need to sign out with the attendance office but will return to class at the conclusion of the assembly.

Senior Picnic

Date: Friday, June 2

Place: Leesville Stadium, after the Senior Assembly and Senior Walk

After the Assembly and Walk, seniors will go to the stadium for a class picnic. This is a time for seniors to celebrate, socialize, and sign yearbooks. Seniors may want to bring a change of clothes. Your ticket for this event (received at the senior assembly rehearsal) is required for entry. In case of rain, we will have an alternate location. **The picnic is for seniors only, not underclassmen or family members.**

Deadline to Clear Financial & Material Obligations

Date: Wednesday, June 7

Place: LRHS website

If you need to pay for lost/damaged items, June 7th is the last day to do so online. Use this QR code to be directed to the LRHS online payment site.



Seniors, when you have completed all assignments and any exams that require your school-issued Chromebook, **you must return it to the Media Center.** You will not be able to pick up your tickets at the Graduation Reception until you have returned your laptop.

To reiterate, if you attend the Graduation Reception and you have NOT cleared ALL financial and material obligations to LRHS, you will NOT be issued your tickets. You will need to come to LRHS on Friday, June 9, 8a - 12p to return items, settle your account, and receive your tickets.

Graduation Reception and Ticket Distribution

Date: Thursday, June 8

Place: Leesville Road High School

Time: 5-7 PM

A reception honoring graduates and their guests will be hosted by parents the evening of June 8. **Dress is business casual so please dress appropriately (no athletic attire, no cutoff shorts, no t-shirts).** This is a great opportunity to show off Leesville to family, socialize with peers, and enjoy one last evening as a student at your high school. In addition, Mr. Solomon will be in attendance to visit and take pictures with seniors.

****Each senior who meets all graduation requirements will receive 8 graduation tickets at the June 8th reception. If you cannot attend the reception, you must pick up your tickets in LRHS Student Services on Friday morning, June 9th, between 8 AM and 12 PM.****

You will need a ticket for **every** person entering the Convention Center, whether they sit on a lap or in a seat, including young children. NO EXTRA TICKETS WILL BE WITHHELD. If a senior needs extra tickets, he or she will need to plan accordingly with fellow seniors. **The school will not have extra tickets and is no longer involved with tickets once distributed, so please do not contact the school for more tickets.** Graduates do NOT need a ticket for themselves.

The entire ceremony will be live-streamed on the WCPSS website so viewing the ceremony in this manner may be a safer, more comfortable option for some friends and family.

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Graduation Reception

JUNE 8, 2023

5PM - 7PM

You and your family are
cordially invited to a
celebration at the school
in your honor

Please RSVP by May 30, 2023
LRHSSeniorReception@gmail.com

Please include senior's name &
total number attending

Commencement Exercises, Logistics, & Expectations

Date: Tuesday, June 13
Place: Raleigh Convention Center
Time: 4 PM (**Graduates report at 3 PM. Doors will open for guests at 3:15 PM)

Seniors MUST wear caps, gowns, and appropriate attire.

Seniors should report to the Exhibit Hall at precisely **3 PM** for a final line check. Seniors must be present, in line, and wearing proper attire, or they will not walk across the stage. This celebration marks your and your peers' academic accomplishments and is as important to your family as it is to you, so conduct yourselves appropriately.

- Seniors will graduate in alphabetical order. As your name is called, walk across the stage and accept the diploma cover in your **left hand** and shake Mr. Solomon's **right hand**. Then walk down the center steps and return to the seat designated by the junior marshal.
- Cheering and yelling are not appropriate. This applies not only to graduates but also to families and guests. Each graduate and his family deserve to hear his name being read.
- As diplomas are presented, a professional photographer will take pictures of each senior. Images will then be uploaded for purchase. Guests may take pictures from their seats or the designated photography area, but **MAY NOT** stand for pictures during the ceremony in the seating area.
- SENIORS RECEIVE ONLY THE DIPLOMA COVER DURING THE CEREMONY. Seniors who have cleared all financial obligations, returned all materials, completed all requirements of the ceremony, and have conducted themselves appropriately will receive diplomas after the ceremony concludes.
- Leesville faculty will wear name tags with blue and green ribbons at this ceremony. Be respectful of the faculty and of the guidelines they enforce. The Wake County School Board and/or the Raleigh Convention Center have established many of these expectations.
- Parents and students should not bring the following items inside the Convention Center: water, drinks, glass vases, camera tripods, balloons, strollers, signs, air horns, wrapped packages, and noisemakers. Admission will be denied if you have these items.
- Only individuals in **wheelchairs** may **SIT** in the designated handicapped row. ONE person may accompany a handicapped individual and sit in the row behind the handicapped section. Other guests must sit in general seating. Handicapped individuals should enter from the Marriott Hotel parking deck, putting them on ground level outside section A. Handicapped persons will enter the elevator outside room A to the graduation area.
- Saving seats is not permitted.
- Dropoff area for graduates and guests who have difficulty walking distances is under the "Shimmer Wall" on McDowell Street. Drop off area for guests is the Cabarrus Street side of the Convention Center. Avoid the Salisbury Street side.

- Entrance C is NOT open to the public. Please enter Entrance A or B, both of which are closer to the general seating area.
- **PARKING:** Map attached of available parking areas; directional signage will be displayed on graduation day; cost of downtown parking is \$10.00.

*Congratulations
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the Marriott Hotel

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for Graduation
&
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