

Class of 2025

SENIOR CHEAT SHEET



Graduation Rehearsal: Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 8:00am

Graduation: Saturday, June 14, 2025 at 8:00am

S. Salisbury Street

Graduation will be held at the Raleigh Convention Center.

500 S. Salisbury St.
Raleigh, NC 27601

Cabarrus Street

Enter Building

GRADUATION TIPS & ETIQUETTE

Caps and gowns are to be worn for Senior Night & Graduation only; do not wear cap & gown for rehearsals.

WOMEN:

1. Lightweight dress under robe (*not to be seen above or below the gown*)
2. Black, maroon, or silver shoes (*shoes must have a back strap; no athletic shoes, cowboy boots, sandals, or flip flops*)
3. Minimal jewelry
4. No purses, handbags, or cameras

MEN:

1. White dress shirt with collar
2. Dark tie or Bow tie (*bow ties must be in a school color*)
3. Dark or black dress slacks (*no khakis*)
4. Black or dark dress shoes and socks (*no white socks, athletic shoes, cowboy boots, sandals, or flip flops*)
 - Students not dressed appropriately will not be permitted to participate in the Graduation ceremony.
 - No cell phones out during the ceremony.
 - No chewing gum, beach balls, or distracting items.
 - No cheering or shouting!!!
 - Gowns are to be neatly pressed (use cool iron....gowns will melt).
 - Caps should be worn straight on the head and parallel to the floor.
 - No cap decorations or alterations are allowed.
 - The tassel is worn on the right side of the cap until the signal is given to turn it to the left at the end of the ceremony.
 - Seniors will graduate in alphabetical order and names are called rapidly. Upon hearing your name, you will walk across the stage and receive an empty diploma cover from Mr. Bazzell. At the bottom of the steps on the way back to your seat, you will receive your actual diploma along with other awards and paperwork in a large envelope.
 - Please ask family and friends to refrain from excessive noise so that all names can be heard.
 - WHS Staff will be on the floor monitoring student behavior. Students who do not act appropriately will have their diploma pulled and will have to see Mr. Bazzell at a later time in order to receive it.

Wakefield High School Class of 2025:

Congratulations on being a part of Wakefield High School's Class of 2025!

A high school class is a unique group and wherever life takes you from here, you'll always have this in common. In a school community, everyone's role is important. I want to thank each of you for what you have given to the school. Even if you are unsure of what your legacy might be, each of you will be remembered in some way by those of us who remain here.

We hope to see you again; Wakefield is built on community. Come back and give back to the school. Keep in touch with your teachers and coaches and let us know how you are. Keep moving forward after you leave here and seize the many experiences life has to offer. Ultimately, you'll find something you love to do and a focus for your life.

As we celebrate your accomplishments at Wakefield, we hope your future will be bright and bring you much success and happiness.

Congratulations!

R. Malik Bazzell, Principal

The administration, faculty & staff at Wakefield HS want graduation to be a special and happy occasion for all seniors and their families. Please note the following:

1. All WCPSS Board Policies must be followed.
2. A professional photographer will take a picture of each senior as they are presented a diploma.
3. We are requesting guests take pictures from their seats and not disrupt the ceremony by coming down the aisles.
4. All fines and fees must be paid by Wednesday, May 15th in order for the student to march in the graduation ceremony.
5. Final transcripts are available and forwarded to colleges within 2 weeks after the last day of school.
6. **TICKETS:** Each senior will receive a specified number of tickets for graduation. Tickets are distributed at rehearsal.



SENIOR TIMELINE

Spring Break		March 28 - April 6
Graduation Speaker Applications Due		April 11 (Google Form on Senior Page)
Senior Parent Information Night	APRIL	April 15 at 6pm
Graduation Speaker Auditions (Invitation)		April 21 and/or 22 during PACK Time (Location TBA)
Final Jostens delivery		May 1 WHS COMMONS during PACK Time (11:40 - 12:50)
Advanced Placement Exams		May 5 - 9 and May 12 - 16
All Senior Fines and Overdue Media Materials Due		May 15
Junior/Senior PROM	MAY	May 17, 8-11pm at Raleigh Union Station
Rehearsal for Senior Night/Graduation (MANDATORY)		May 29 at 8:00am in the gym
Senior Day (Picnic, Talent Show)		May 29 during the school day
Senior Class Night Ceremony and Reception (MANDATORY)		May 29 at 6:00pm in the gym (arrive by 5:30 pm)
Final Exams		June 9 -13
Graduation Rehearsal (MANDATORY)	JUNE	June 12 from 8am, WHS Gym arrive by time 7:25am
Last Day of School for Students		June 13
GRADUATION CEREMONY		Saturday, June 14 at Raleigh Convention Center (arrive by 7:00am)

NOTES TO REMEMBER:

- Seniors receiving scholarships should report these to the Student Services front desk by May 15 for inclusion on the Senior Recognition page. (Forms are in the main office or on the WHS Website >Seniors)
- All fines & fees are due to the Media Center by May 15. If this isn't paid, you will not receive your tickets to graduation.
- SENIOR DAY is Thursday, May 29**, please report to school at 8:00am for rehearsal. This rehearsal is **MANDATORY**. Go to your assigned seat in the gym. Find your seat on the maps posted in the Commons Area ahead of time. (Activities for SENIOR DAY follow this rehearsal.)
- SENIOR NIGHT is Thursday, May 29** at 6:00pm in the main gym. This event is **MANDATORY**. Please report to line-up by **5:15pm**. Wear caps and gowns. The reception is given by the Junior Class & PTSA for you, your family, and friends.
- Graduation Rehearsal is **REQUIRED: Thursday, June 12** at WHS Gym. If unable to attend, you must send someone in your place such as a parent or neighbor to receive graduation tickets.
- GRADUATION: Saturday, June 14 at 8:00am** at the Raleigh Convention Center and enter at the Cabarrus Street entrance. Please arrive by **7:00am**, go to Exhibit Hall A, and find your seat in order to be checked in.

FACULTY ADVISORS

Graduation Coordinators Jameil Floyd
Catina Cain

Senior Class Advisor Jessica O'Berto
SGA Advisor Robyn Dembisky

Yearbook Advisor Christina Bradford

Junior Marshal Advisor Jameil Floyd

ADMINISTRATION

Principal Malik Bazzell
Asst. Principal Heather Acrey
Asst. Principal Catina Cain
Asst. Principal Denise Colon
Asst. Principal Ryan Cummings
Asst. Principal Jameil Floyd
Asst. Principal Zachary Richards

STUDENT SERVICES

Dean of Students Tiana Reid
Counselor, 9th-12th, A-C Brent Walker
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SGA OFFICERS

Senior Class President Luna Garcia Dyroff
Student Body President Jack Tan
Senior Class VP Gabrielle Lewis
Student Body VP Claire Sykes

**** Each Senior will receive 8 graduation tickets. Tickets will be given out at Graduation Rehearsal on June 14, 2025 as long as all fees have been paid!**

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