



SENIOR BULLETIN

Apex Friendship High

Class of 2019

Students and Parents of the Class of 2019!

It is with great excitement and anticipation that I welcome you to the AFHS senior graduation bulletin. Like you, I am very excited about commencement. High school graduation is one of the watershed moments of ones' life and we look forward to going through this process with you. It is critically important that you are attentive to all of the information and deadlines shared in this document. We only get one chance to make the ceremony special and we need to be sure that everyone understands the expectations and requirements. Like other aspects of your time at AFHS, you get to "set the bar" and establish traditions that will last for years— let's do it right! *M. Wight*

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 7, 1:00 – 3:00 pm Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal
The Raleigh Convention Center

June 15, 12:00 pm Graduation -**Students must arrive by 11 am.**
The Raleigh Convention Center

Please be aware that the rehearsal on June 7, 2019, is NOT optional (hence, the word mandatory). Seniors must pay attention to the mandatory rehearsal date/time and are expected to choose a college orientation date that does not conflict with the mandatory rehearsal. Most colleges offer numerous dates for orientations. June 7, 2019, is a student day on the WCPSS traditional calendar; thus, choosing an orientation date or making other plans that conflict with the rehearsal date/time is poor decision making. Choosing not to attend the mandatory graduation rehearsal also is choosing not to participate in the graduation program on June 15, 2019.*

*** Each student will receive 8 tickets to graduation**

Ceremony Conduct

- We want graduation to be a happy time for you, but we also want to have a dignified ceremony to honor your years of hard work.
- Cat-calling, yelling, 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 Apex Friendship High School at the principal's discretion. Community service may be required.
- No gum and no smoking once you enter the grounds of the Raleigh Convention Center. Also, refrain from bringing food and beverages into the convention center.
- Seniors should not have electronic devices in their possession during the ceremony. AFHS staff and administrators may confiscate electronic devices and return them at a time convenient for administration. AFHS is not responsible for lost or damaged personal items. Students who violate this expectation may have their diplomas held until the administration chooses to issue them at a designate date after the graduation ceremony. It is requested that audience members place electronic devices in a silent mode during the entire ceremony.
- All AFHS and WCPSS policies apply to all graduation activities. If you do not abide by the policies, 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. (This includes the dress code!)

The Security Staff of the Wake County Public School System and the Staff of the Raleigh Convention Center 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 his/her diploma cover.

Financial Obligations

All fees and fines must be paid in full by 2:00 p.m. on Friday May 17, 2019 or graduation tickets will be withheld.

Seniors should check Powerschool and the media center to see if they have any fines and fees. Be sure to understand that additional fines and fees could be added as late as the last days of class depending on when seniors return books and other materials to staff members.

Senior Survey

All seniors must complete the senior survey during the month of May. The survey will be available on the AFHS website starting May 2nd.

SENIORS WHO FAIL TO CLEAR THEIR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OR COMPLETE THE SENIOR SURVEY PRIOR TO REHEARSAL, WILL NOT RECEIVE TICKETS.

Transcript Requests

Senior transcripts will be finalized at the end of June. Transcript requests for in-state colleges and universities must be submitted through CFNC.org. Transcript requests for out-of-state colleges and universities must be made through <https://wcpss.scriborder.com>. Students who apply through Common App must request a final transcript through CFNC.

Graduation Etiquette

Appropriate Dress

Women:

- Light weight dress under the graduation robe (not longer than the gown) or dark colored dress pants with collared dress shirt, minimal jewelry.
- Dark or Neutral Colored Shoes- flats with heel strap or pumps (no athletic shoes, boots, flip flops).
- NO cell phones, purses, handbags, cameras, or other electronic devices. Nothing is to be carried into the ceremony.

Men:

- Collared dress shirt and necktie or bowtie.
- Dark dress pants or khakis and dark socks (no jeans).
- Dark dress shoes (no athletic shoes, flip flops).
- NO cell phones, cameras or other electronic devices. Nothing is to be carried into the ceremony.

Caps and Gowns

- Caps and gowns should always be worn in a dignified manner.
- Be sure your gown is neatly pressed. Please remember to use a cool iron as the gown will melt easily if the iron is too hot. Letting the gown hang for several weeks will help. **DO NOT WASH OR DRY CLEAN THE GOWNS.** Both males and females always wear caps STRAIGHT on the head, parallel to the floor. Teacher line supervisors will help adjust the cap for you if you are not wearing the cap correctly.
- Tassels are worn on the right side of the cap until the changing of the tassel near the conclusion of the ceremony. As a group, you will be instructed to move the tassels to the left side to signify your graduation.
- No cap decorations or alterations will be permitted.
- Graduates are expected to hold their caps at the end of the ceremony.
- Graduates will show his/her name written inside of his/her cap to the staff member distributing diplomas after the end of the ceremony.

No one is allowed to alter attire or add decorations to their cap or gown. Graduates who do not wear appropriate attire or violate any WCPSS or AFHS standards of conduct, including guidelines in this bulletin, may be removed from the line and may not be allowed to participate in commencement activities.

The NHS cord will be worn only by members of the National Honor Society. Other honor cords are to be worn by members in good standing of approved organizations with National Honor Societies.

