

Wake Forest High School SENIOR CLASS OF 2023

Graduation Information

(Tuesday, June 13, 2023, 12:00 PM)



Tuesday, May 23RD Senior Awards Rehearsal

- **Attendance is mandatory; Do Not wear your cap and gown.**
- Wake Forest High School Gymnasium **9:30am – 10:30am.**

Thursday, May 25th Senior Awards:

- **Attendance is mandatory; Cap & Gown must be worn.**
Seniors will march into the gymnasium for **Senior Awards, which begin at 8:30 a.m.** Parents are invited to come to the gym to attend this awards ceremony. Parents should plan to be seated by 8:20 a.m.

Thursday, May 25th Senior Picnic:

Immediately following awards on campus at the baseball field.

- **Picnic is open to seniors, junior marshals, and yearbook distributors only!** (Seniors who ordered yearbooks may receive them **(if they have no outstanding fines or detentions.)** Dress for this day is casual attire/senior t-shirts under your cap and gown (school clothes must follow the dress code). This day counts for attendance.

Senior Exam Exemptions:

Any senior earning a “C” average or better may be exempt from exams excluding courses with EOC’s and other state mandated tests, including CTE courses.

Thursday, June 8th Commencement Practice:

- **Wake Forest High School Gymnasium 2:00-4:00 p.m.**
Report to the Wake Forest High School Gym no later than **1:45 p.m.** Seniors are **REQUIRED** to be at practice. **DO NOT wear your cap & gown.**
- **Be on time! If practice is missed, students will not be allowed to participate in the Commencement Exercises or obtain any tickets.** Graduation tickets will only be distributed at rehearsal to any student who has no fines and who has no detention/discipline to serve.
- Each senior will receive **_9_ tickets** that will be distributed after the last run through at rehearsal. **All debts must be paid before tickets will be released.**

NOTE: All tickets are being given out to students at this time. **There are no extra tickets.** If you find that you need more, you will need to speak to other students in the graduating class.



Dress Code for Graduation Will be Strictly Enforced. We ask for your full cooperation with the dress code for graduation. If you have any questions as to the appropriate dress for the occasion, please check with Ms. Hurst. Any student who cannot acquire an item necessary to meet the dress code requirement, due to extenuating circumstances or extreme hardship, should discuss this matter with Ms. Hurst.

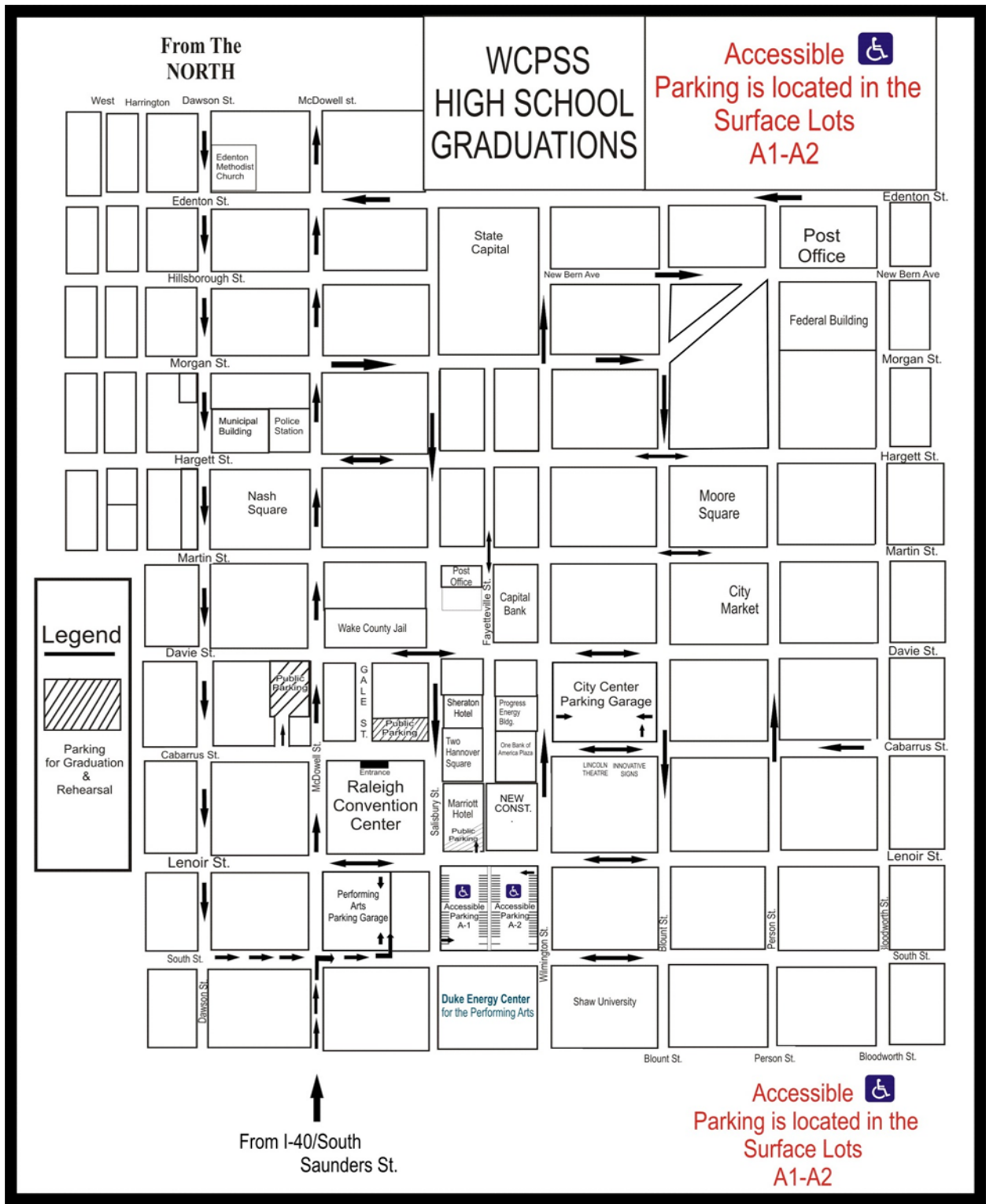
Boys: Wear dress shoes (no topsiders, boots, or tennis shoes), dress socks, dark dress trousers (no jeans), dark tie, and a white/light colored dress shirt.

Girls: Wear dress shoes or dress sandals (no colorful hose or shoes). Shoes must have a heel strap and a moderate or low heel. Wear either a skirt and blouse or a dress; **No clothing should be seen below the hemline of the gown.**

Reminder: Be sure to leave your personal items with a parent. There will not be a place to secure such items during graduation and they are not allowed on stage.

Tuesday, June 13th COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

- Raleigh Convention Center 12:00 PM. **Students should arrive no later than 11:00 a.m. and enter through entrance C. Doors will open to the public at 11:15 a.m. BE ON TIME! All debts must be paid before diplomas will be released.**
- Only students who are eligible for graduation on or before June 13th will be able to participate in graduation exercises. Parking at graduation this year will be **\$10.00**. Try to arrive early so that finding a parking space will not be a problem. Carpooling is encouraged, as parking may be limited. Plan to leave early for graduation because of city traffic.
- Please write your name with dark marker on the **inside** of your graduation cap on the mortarboard, not the fabric. **NO DECORATIONS** on the top of your cap.
- LifeTouch Studios will photograph the moment each senior receives a diploma. Proofs and ordering information will be distributed at rehearsal. **There is no prepayment charge.**



From US-1 / Capital Blvd. / North Raleigh:

Take US 1 South into Raleigh. US 1 becomes Capital Blvd. coming into town. Stay on Capital Blvd., crossing over I-440 beltline. Capital Blvd. becomes Dawson Street as you approach downtown. Go 9 blocks south on Dawson Street. Turn left onto Lenoir. Cross over McDowell Street and Raleigh Convention Center will be on the left. Entrance to parking is on right immediately after the turn onto Lenoir (Performing Arts Center Deck) OR one block ahead on Lenoir on left (Raleigh Marriott City Center Garage).

GRADUATION CEREMONY ETIQUETTE FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS:

1. Graduates enter at Entrance "C" on the corner of McDowell and Cabarrus Street. Graduates will not be permitted to enter until 11:00a.m. and NEED to be there at this time.
2. Parents and guests will be admitted approximately 45 minutes before ceremonies begin through Entrances "A" and "B". All parents and guests MUST have a ticket in order to attend.
3. Each senior will receive 9 tickets that will be distributed after the last run through at rehearsal. NOTE: All tickets are being given out to students at this time. There are no extra tickets. If you find that you need more, you will need to speak to other students in the graduating class.
4. Handicapped guests are encouraged to park in the parking area under the Marriott Hotel and enter the Convention Center from the underground parking.
5. There is wheelchair accessible seating and one (1) person will be allowed to accompany and be seated with this guest.
6. Graduation is a general admission event. Saving seats is not permitted and security will not allow it.
7. The following items are prohibited from entering the Convention Center: flowers in glass vases, signs, balloons, noise makers (including musical instruments, air horns ,whistles ,etc.), wrapped packages, intoxicated individuals, counterfeit tickets
8. No food is to be brought into the Convention Center

Graduation is a dignified event and for these students, it is one of the biggest events of their lives. All graduates and their families deserve to hear their name as it is called. We share your excitement, but please refrain from clapping, yelling, or calling out names as this prevents other families from hearing the names of the seniors that follow.



Congratulations Class of 2023!!!