

Oakland High School Graduation Frequently Asked Questions:

When is graduation?

OHS Class of 2020 graduation will be Thursday, May 14th at 7:00 pm at MTSU's Murphy Center.

Will there be a rehearsal before graduation?

Yes, mandatory graduation rehearsal date and time TBA.

Are students required to participate in the graduation ceremony?

No, students are not required to participate in the graduation ceremony – however, students choosing not to participate need to let Marsha Thompson, OHS Graduation Coach, know their intent no later than Friday, May 1, 2020.

Who is not allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony?

Students who miss more than 10 unexcused school days during their senior year and students who commit a zero tolerance infraction in the second semester of the school year may not participate in the graduation ceremony. They may pick up their diploma from their counselor the week following graduation in the OHS counseling office during regular office hours.

Can a student still participate at graduation if he/she will graduate through summer school?

No, summer school will have their own graduation ceremony for summer graduates.

How long does graduation last?

Graduates must report to Murphy Center an hour prior to graduation start time in dress code. Graduation typically lasts 60-90 minutes. Graduates may pick up diplomas following the ceremony.

Is there a place for seniors to leave personal items such as keys, wallets/purses, phones during graduation?

No. Graduates are encouraged to leave personal items in their vehicles or with family members.

Will graduation be filmed or live-streamed?

There will be a video of the ceremony filmed by OHS Broadcasting that will be available for purchase beginning July 1st. Check the OHS website and/or the graduation program for contact information.

Is there a dress code for graduation?

Yes. Graduates must have a cap and gown purchased through Josten's.

Males must wear black dress pants, black socks and solid black dress shoes. They must wear a long sleeve button-down dress shirt (any color) and a tie (any color, regular tie or bow tie).

Females may wear any color dress or skirt/blouse that does not show above or below gown and solid black dress shoes – heels or flats. If dress pants or a longer dress/skirt is worn, they must be solid black.

No – flip flops, Chacos, combat boots, cowboy boots, athletic shoes may be worn. No hat decorations.

What cords or stoles are allowed to be worn at graduation?

Only cords or stoles sold in the OHS bank or distributed by an OHS club or society sponsor may be worn. Graduates may not wear awards or recognitions received from organizations outside of OHS/RCS.

When does my student order their cap and gown?

Josten's will come to OHS for a senior meeting in the Fall. Graduates will bring home order packets. Josten's will return the following week to collect orders and any required deposits. You will receive a bill from Josten's in the mail for the remaining balance in early Spring.

What is the cost of the cap and gown?

The cost of the basic package is \$57.62. This includes cap, gown, tassel, and diploma cover.

Who do I pay for my cap and gown?

You will make payment directly to Josten's.

When will my student receive their cap and gown?

Josten's will deliver cap and gown packages to OHS in mid-April/early May and graduates will pick them up during their lunch period in the main lobby. Some items from larger packages may be delivered to your home.

What do I do when my student brings the cap and gown home?

Have your graduate try on cap and gown for appropriate fitting. Then, hang the gown until graduation day to allow the wrinkles to fall out. DO NOT IRON. Put your graduate's name inside the cap in case it gets misplaced at the ceremony.

Who do I contact for more information?

Marsha Thompson, OHS Graduation Coach, thompsonma@rcschools.net or 615-904-3780x23923