

DCTS Class of 2018 Graduation Information



Date: Tuesday, June 5th 2018
Location: The Forum (500 Walnut St. Harrisburg, PA 17120)
Time: Ceremony starts at **7:30PM**.
Graduates must be there no later than 6:30PM.
Access: All guests **MUST** have a ticket to enter. Students will be given 5 tickets only (as per the seating limits of the Forum). All guests should be seated by 7:25PM.

Our GRADUATION CEREMONY is a FORMAL EVENT

- Graduates must dress appropriately, as per the guidelines below.
- We do **NOT** allow students to decorate their caps or make cap overlays. **All caps must be in their original condition for & during the ceremony.**

WHAT to WEAR

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All students wear a dark green graduation gown that should end about mid-shin/calf or halfway between the knees and ankles.



➤ **GIRLS** are to wear a dress, shirt & skirt, or shirt & black pants; with black shoes

Clothing:

- Your dress can be any color or pattern as long as the skirt is **SHORTER** than your graduation gown (*no long/maxi skirts please!*) OR
- You can wear **Black CAPRIS, Black SKIRT or Black PANTS** (top can be any color)

Shoes:

- Flats or low sandals: **ONLY acceptable color is BLACK**. *Shoe color is to match the dark green gowns; NOT to match the outfit you have underneath. You will be standing for over an hour and will need to walk up and down several sets of steps. Please do NOT wear heels, especially new heels that are not comfortable.*



➤ **BOYS**

Pants: **BLACK** dress pants

Shirt: **WHITE** or very light, solid-colored shirt with a **COLLAR**; no T-shirts. A tie is recommended but is not required

Shoes: **Black** dress shoes or dress boots; **NO sneakers or work boots/shoes**

➤ **NO JEANS, SNEAKERS, T-SHIRTS, FLIP-FLOPS OR SHORTS FOR ANY SENIOR.**

What should I do with my Cap and Gown?

1. As soon as you get home, hang it up on a non-metal hanger.
2. To remove wrinkles you may do the following:
 - a. Hang your gown in a steamy room (while people take showers, etc)
 - b. Use a steamer to remove wrinkles
 - c. Place it in the dryer **ON THE LOWEST HEAT SETTING** with a damp towel and let it spin for about 20-30min. Be sure to take it out and hang it up as soon as it stops spinning.
 - d. Place a clean, thin cloth over the gown then use a **COOL** iron to iron out the wrinkles.
CAUTION: *Using an iron directly on the gown fabric may put a hole in the fabric.

3. **Do NOT** bring your cap and gown to school on Tuesday, you do NOT need it for practice at the Forum.
4. **Do NOT** wear your cap and gown to the Forum on Tuesday night. Hang it in your vehicle and then drape it over your arm or wear it when you walk to the Forum. Be very careful that you do NOT drop or lose your tassel – I do NOT have extra tassels to give you.
5. **You are NOT PERMITTED in any way to decorate, write on, or make an overlay for your cap. If you do this, your cap will be taken (and returned after the ceremony) and you will be given a replacement cap to wear – no exceptions!**

Mandatory Graduation Practice



Monday, June 4th: GRADUATION PRACTICE AT DCTS

- All *graduating* seniors will report to school at the normal time.
- DCTS school attire is required. This is NOT a dress-down day.
- This is the last day to pay fines & obligations to the school. If not paid today, you will not receive your diploma on June 5th.
- When caps and gowns are distributed, students will put on them on & move to the gym for the Class of 2018 formal picture.
- Following the class picture, students will return to the auditorium & receive their:
 - 5 tickets and any honor cords that they have earned
- **Students who do not attend and participate in this practice will NOT be permitted to participate in commencement ceremonies at the Forum on Tuesday night!**
- Students are dismissed for the day when practice is over. This is usually between 10-11am. Students are not permitted to stay and roam campus; they either leave for the day or go through their normal class schedule.

Tuesday, June 5th: AM GRADUATION PRACTICE AT THE FORUM

- **Students who do not attend & participate in this practice will NOT be permitted to participate in commencement ceremonies at the Forum tonight!**
- Report to school at normal time, students will ride buses to the Forum for practice.
- Buses leave at 8:15 or as soon as all seniors arrive.
- DCTS school attire required; this is NOT a dress-down day. **Cap & gown are NOT needed for this practice – leave them at home.**
- **ALL seniors must ride the buses to and from the Forum.** No students will be permitted to walk home from the Forum, drive themselves, or be picked up there by another person.
- When the buses return to school, students are dismissed for the day (between 11:30-12:15).



Tuesday Night, June 5th: GRADUATION CEREMONY

- Be at the Forum & check in (appropriately dressed and in cap & gown) **by 6:30PM.**
- You are given a gold stole to wear (which is returned before you get your diploma), & have a formal Graduation photo taken – *information for ordering pictures will be in your diploma packet.*
- Diplomas are given to the students AFTER the ceremony when stoles are returned.



For Family & Friends from DCTS and the Forum Management:

- *These items are prohibited in the Forum:* Balloons, confetti, & air horns. Please do not bring them in.
- When doors open at 6:45, please present your ticket and plan to enter & stay in your seat. Guests who leave the Forum auditorium will not be given tickets for re-entry.
- There is a **wheelchair lift in section 302** (to the left when entering the building). Assistance is provided for individuals in wheelchairs or who cannot do many steps. Due to limited space, only one additional individual may sit with a person in a wheelchair. Individuals in a wheelchair may enter the Forum at 6:35 and must have a ticket.
- The Forum doors are closed at the beginning of the ceremony. Individuals without tickets are not permitted to enter. Guests are not permitted to move in the auditorium once the Processional begins.
- For those unable to attend, the ceremony will be live-streamed on the DCTS website.

Still have questions? Contact Mrs. Glotfelter @ cglotfelter@dcts.org