

DCTS Class of 2019 Graduation Information



Date: Wednesday, June 5th 2019
Location: The Farm Show Building – Large/Main Arena
Time: Ceremony starts at 7:30PM.
Graduates must be there & at check-in by 6:30PM.

Our GRADUATION CEREMONY is a FORMAL EVENT

- Graduates must dress appropriately, as per the guidelines below.
- **NO JEANS, SNEAKERS, T-SHIRTS, FLIP-FLOPS OR SHORTS FOR ANY SENIOR.**

WHAT TO WEAR FOR THE CEREMONY:

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

WHAT to WEAR



➤ **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:

- **BLACK** Flats or low sandals: the **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 be doing a LOT of walking around the Farm Show Building... 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 WORKBOOTS**

Caps & Gowns will be given out on May 30th

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 remover wrinkles
 - c. Place it in the dryer ON THE LOWEST HEAT SETTING with a damp towel and let it spin for about 20-30min. 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, you do NOT need it for practice.
4. Be very careful that you do NOT drop or lose your tassel – I do NOT have extra tassels to give you.
5. You MAY decorate your cap ONLY – following the guidelines on the separate page. If you do not following the guidelines, you will NOT walk or participate in Graduation...see the rules.

Mandatory Graduation Practice



Tuesday, 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.
- We will go over important Graduation information.
- Students will receive any honor cords that you have earned.
- **Students who do not attend and participate in this practice will NOT be permitted to participate in commencement ceremonies at the Farm Show on Wednesday night!**
- Students are dismissed for the day when practice is over. This is usually between 9:30-10am. Students are not permitted to stay and roam the DCTS campus; you either leave for the day or go through your normal class schedule and then ride the bus home.

Wednesday, June 5th: AM GRADUATION PRACTICE AT THE FARM SHOW

- **Students who do not attend & participate in this practice will NOT be permitted to participate in commencement ceremonies at the Farm Show tonight!**
- Report to school at normal time, students will ride buses to the Farm Show 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 Farm Show.** No students will be permitted to walk home from practice, 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).



Wednesday Night, June 5th: GRADUATION CEREMONY

- Be at the Farm Show & 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)
- You will 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 Farm Show Management:

- **Items that are prohibited at Graduation in the Farm Show Arena:** Balloons, confetti, & air horns. **Please do not bring them in.** A flower vendor has contacted us about selling flowers; they will be located directly outside the family entrance of the main arena. Seniors are NOT permitted to carry any items into the ceremony.
- Wheelchair seating is available in 3 locations in the main arena. Security at the farm show will also have a limited number of wheelchairs (at no cost) in the Cameron St. entrance lobby.
- **Everyone should enter the Farm Show Building using the Cameron St. circle entrance. Parking is free – use the large lot at the CCA/HACC end of the building. Parking is NOT permitted in the circle area.**
- Once inside the building, spectators will proceed UP the escalator or use the elevator to access the 2nd level and proceed down the large hallway to the Main Arena entrance. Signs will be posted to provide direction. See the attached Farm Show Parking flyer
- Seniors will access the back hallway and check-in location by using the door at the base of the escalator. Family & friends are NOT permitted into this area with the graduates. Seniors: Be sure all personal items are given to family BEFORE you access and enter this area. You are NOT permitted to carry any personal items into the ceremony. Anything you bring with you will be left on the floor in the staging/line-up area....so plan accordingly.
- For those unable to attend, the ceremony will be taped and then posted to the DCTS website later.

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