

# Hamilton County High School

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*Congratulations Senior! We share in your excitement for your upcoming graduation.*

## **Grad Walk/Baccalaureate Practice (Wednesday, May 17, Auditorium)**

-Grad Walk (HCES to HCHS), **8:00am SHARP**- Report to HCHS Auditorium to begin.

-Baccalaureate Practice, **immediately following Grad Walk**- HCHS Auditorium

\*Bring CAPS/GOWNS/WHITE COLLARS to Grad Walk/Practice. For Baccalaureate Practice, Seniors will sit front and center of the Auditorium. Class Officers should sit on the front row, everyone else fall in line.

## **Baccalaureate (Thursday, May 18, 7:00 PM, Auditorium)**

-Report for Baccalaureate Line Up, **6:15pm SHARP**- Media Center

\*Wear CAP/GOWN/WHITE COLLAR/STOLES/HONOR CORDS

## **Graduation (Friday, May 19, 8:00 PM, Stadium)**

-Graduation Practice, **8:00am SHARP**- Football Stadium

\*BRING CAPS to practice.

\*Practice is MANDATORY. Students who do not participate in practice WILL NOT walk at Graduation.

-Report for Graduation Line Up, **6:15pm SHARP**- Gym

-Students should be fully dressed and ready for official class photo at 6:30pm in the Gym.

\*Wear CAP/GOWN/WHITE COLLAR/STOLES/HONOR CORDS

**\*DECORATED CAPS ARE NOT PERMITTED**

**\*ONLY SCHOOL ISSUED OR APPROVED STOLES AND HONOR CORDS ARE PERMITTED**

**\*BE ON TIME TO ALL EVENTS- WE BEGIN ON TIME**

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## **Appropriate Attire for Baccalaureate and Graduation**

(DRESS COOL, IT WILL BE HOT):

Males- Black dress pants, black or dark socks, black or dark shoes, any color collared shirt as the stole will hide the collar.

Females- Any color dresses or skirts, dark shoes. If you choose to wear pants, they must be black.

Caps: The Mortar Board/Cap is to be worn FLAT (NOT TILTED), with the point in the middle of the forehead, with the tassel on the RIGHT SIDE.

Shoes: High heels are NOT recommended. NO flip flops or strapless sandals are allowed.

Sunglasses: NOT allowed.

## **General Decorum Expectations for Baccalaureate and Graduation**

During Graduation or Baccalaureate: Give the speaker your FULL attention and NO CELL PHONE USE. When receiving your diploma, shake hands with your right hand and receive your diploma with your left hand. A photographer will take your picture with the Superintendent after receiving your diploma. Appropriate behavior is expected at all times.

Parking: Seniors may park in the teacher's parking lot, near the gym for Baccalaureate and Graduation. Parents and guests should park in the student parking lot or grass parking lot for Graduation. Hamilton County Sheriff's Office will assist in parking.

General Decorum Policies: While we do expect for you to celebrate your Graduate, please no balloons, signs or noise makers. *Excessive* yelling and outburst are discouraged during the events. This tends to put the focus on you and off of the Graduate.

Medical and Public Safety Services: EMTs will attend Graduation. In the event of extreme heat, it is recommended to bring bottled drinking water.

Restrooms: Restrooms are located behind the concession stand at the Stadium and in the lobby of the Auditorium.

ONLY SCHOOL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AND GRADUATES ARE PERMITTED ON THE FIELD DURING THE GRADUATION CEREMONY. Parents and guests may come on to the field AFTER Graduation.

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## INCLEMENT WEATHER PLANS

- Any decisions regarding the implementation of the inclement weather plan will be made by the Superintendent of Schools.
- In the event graduation cannot be safely held at the stadium on Friday evening, graduation will be moved to 10:00am, Saturday morning.
- In the event graduation cannot be safely held at the stadium at 10:00am on Saturday morning, graduation will be moved to the Gym.
- Students and families will be notified in the event of a change via call out and the HCHS and Hamilton County School District's official social media pages.
- Graduates will be issued 10 inclement weather tickets at graduation practice. These tickets will only be used in the event graduation is moved to the Gym. Guests with tickets will be granted admission starting at 8:45am at the **REAR entrance** (behind the red gate) of the gym. Admission will be granted to the general public, who do **NOT** have a ticket, at the **FRONT entrance** of the gym beginning at 9:45am, **UNTIL CAPACITY OF THE GYM IS REACHED**. Graduates will be given 2 **PRIORITY RED** tickets included in the 10 tickets. Priority tickets will grant admission to the ticket holder at **ANY POINT** during the graduation ceremonies at the **REAR entrance** of the gym. Tickets will be taken up by school officials as a guest enters the gym, reentry without a ticket will **NOT** be permitted.