

# GRADUATION FAQs ?

## ? Can I walk in the ceremony if I did not attend a graduation planning meeting?

YES. These meetings are held for your convenience. You are not required to attend. Email announcements will also provide graduation details. Contact the Graduation Coordinator or your contact teacher with any questions.

## ? How do I know if all my paperwork is in order ?

Seniors should check in with their contact teacher FREQUENTLY. Use the Senior Checklist to see if you are fulfilling graduation requirements and eligibility requirements for post high school goals!

## ? What is the slide show and what type of photos should I submit?

A slideshow of graduate images is projected on the stage. Typically students supply a maximum of 3 photos of themselves to be included in this visual display: one infant picture, one grade school age picture, and one senior picture. Photos can be in casual settings or formal shots. Email in jpeg format.

## ? I am interested in performing in the ceremony. Can my friends audition with me?

- There is a limited amount of time for performances.
- ONLY GRADUATING SENIORS participating in the graduation ceremony may submit an audition CD for consideration.
- The audition CD must be the selection that will be performed at graduation (song or instrumental).
- Drop off or mail to: B Laucius, IDEA, 705 S Knik Goose Bay Rd, Suite E, Wasilla AK 99654.

## ? Can family members and guests go backstage and to the dressing rooms?

NO. Only staff and graduates are permitted in the backstage area.

## ? Must I attend the rehearsal?

YES. Rehearsal is the same day as the ceremony. All graduates walking in the ceremony must come to this rehearsal. We will do a “run-through” of the ceremony and place you in line.

## ? Can graduates leave the theater between the rehearsal and the ceremony?

NO. The rehearsal will take a full 2 hours. Graduates must have their cap, gown, and tassel at rehearsal. This will be a dress rehearsal. Graduates will have access to the theater dressing rooms. Bring as few personal items backstage as possible. Graduates will need to retrieve items and leave the dressing rooms immediately after the ceremony.

## ? Can I bring my phone or camera on stage?

NO. No electronics are permitted on stage.

## ? Can I wear additional “accessories” over my cap and gown?

NO. Proper attire for the IDEA Graduation is a cap, gown and tassel in school colors (royal blue and gold). Additional accessories/garments that are visible over the gown are NOT permitted (Graduates will be asked to remove them before entering the procession).

## ? A note about PROPER ATTIRE:

This is a formal occasion. Dress appropriately. Consider the clothing that you will wear under the gown – will it make funny bulges? Hang out? Look ugly? Will spike high heels cause you to fall? Will you have difficulty walking up and down stairs without handrails?

Hint: Save party-wear for after the ceremony!

Hint: Guys – dark slacks and dark shoes are recommended

## ? Can I give a speech?

NO. Graduates may say a few words. A short thank you or acknowledgement is appropriate. Long speeches, sermons, or lengthy comments are not permitted. Keep your comments under 20 seconds.

## ? Where is the reception?

A reception will be held in the lobby of the theater immediately following the ceremony (approximately 4:00pm).

## ? Do guests need tickets?

YES – Six tickets will be issued to each graduate walking in the ceremony.

**NO BALLOONS  
IN THE THEATER!**

