



Piedmont High School - Class of 2023

Senior Information Regarding Graduation

Graduation requirements are below. Please read the following information carefully.

Date for Graduation: Monday, June 12 @ 8:00 PM

Location: Piedmont High School Stadium

Two (2) Options for Graduation:

1. Attend the school-wide stadium graduation on June 12.
2. If you choose not to participate in the stadium graduation, you may schedule a time with the office to pick up your diploma **after** June 12.

Graduation Tickets

- All school issued items (ex. Laptop, hot spot, calculator, library books, textbooks, etc..) must be returned AND all fees must be paid in order to collect the graduation tickets and participate in the ceremony.
- Each graduate is allowed only eight (8) guests. Tickets can be picked up by the senior at the conclusion of graduation practice. Each senior must complete their checklist of items and submit it before tickets will be issued.
- Fees should be paid to Ms. Gini Wilson - Pay online (link available under Quick Links on the PHS website) or exact change if paying cash.
- Every single person must present a ticket to enter the stadium, which includes all children, regardless of age. Babies will need a ticket. The Graduate will **NOT** need a ticket.
- The seating is general admission.

Stadium Ceremony Guidelines

- Gates to the stadium will open at 7:00 p.m. All graduates will enter the cafeteria outdoor entrance on the parking lot side at 7:00 p.m. to begin the check-in process with your homeroom teacher.
- With each senior receiving eight (8) tickets, please be advised that parking will be very limited. It is recommended that all family/friends carpool. Graduates are to leave their phone, handbag, and personal items in the car or with your guests. You **CANNOT** carry your personal items during the graduation ceremony.
- Graduates should report directly to the cafeteria and locate your homeroom teacher. Honor cords will be distributed by your Homeroom teacher for the following: Summa Cum Laude (4.25 GPA and higher), Magna Cum Laude (4.0 to 4.24 GPA), Cum Laude (3.75 to 3.99 GPA), North Carolina Scholar, and North Carolina Global Scholar. CTE Academy cords will also be distributed.
- Graduates are only allowed to wear the following school issued cords and recognitions: Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, Cum Laude, NC Scholar, NAHS, NC Global Scholar,

NHS Stole, Japanese NHS Stole, and CTE cords. No other cords or stoles will be allowed. NHS Stoles should be picked up before the graduation ceremony day.

- There will be a designated handicapped parking section at the entrance of the stadium.
- There will be three (3) entrances to the stadium. Your guests may use any of the entrances. The entrances will open at 7:00 p.m.
- Once admitted to the stadium, guests will **not** be allowed to exit and re-enter. Please make sure you have everything you need before entering the stadium. No balloons in the stadium.
- Guests should report to either the home side bleachers or visitors' set of bleachers.
- Each graduate's chair in the stadium will be reserved with a name card that contains important information regarding the ceremony. **YOU MUST KEEP THE CARD AT ALL TIMES and carry the card on stage.**
- Graduates will be assigned a "row teacher" that will assist with the diploma and ceremony instructions.
- LifeTouch will take photographs of the graduates as they walk across the stage AND as graduates exit the stage. These pictures will be made available for purchase by LifeTouch after the graduation ceremony. To access your graduation photos after the ceremony, text the code **41695GY23** to **90738**.
- At the conclusion of the ceremony, seniors will be dismissed by rows and should exit the stadium. The Graduation Marshals will assist in your dismissal.
- Seniors and guests should plan to meet at their car, as lingering in the stadium will not be permitted.

Important Reminders:

- Graduation is a very formal occasion; thus, we desire to uphold the standards that this occasion deserves for our seniors, the school, and the Piedmont Community.
- The following is the Graduate Dress for the day.

Males:

1. Dark dress slacks
2. Dark dress shoes - No sneakers
3. White dress shirt
4. Dark necktie or bowtie
5. Cap, Gown, and Tassel on the right

Females:

1. White dress hemmed shorter than graduation gown
 2. White dress shoes - flats are recommended due to field conditions - No sneakers
 3. Cap, Gown, and Tassel on the right side (Girls should NOT attach the white collars to the gowns.)
- Graduation caps should **not** be decorated.
 - The graduation ceremony will be live-streamed. The link is posted to the PHS website. Go to the "Quick Links" and click on "YouTube Live Stream Link". You must subscribe to the PiedmonthHSNC YouTube channel.
 - Reminder, this is a formal ceremony and we ask that everyone be respectful to all graduates as their names are called.