

Graduation Instructions

To: All CHS Graduating Seniors
From: Steve Madler, Principal
Subject: Graduation

TIME: At 6:15 p.m. on Sunday, May 26, 2019, all graduating seniors will report to the lower level of the main arena of the Bismarck Event Center. Event Center management wants all seniors to enter through Door E-42 on the west side of the Exhibit Hall. Graduates will line up alphabetically in the hallway between the Exhibit Hall and the arena. Teachers will be in the hallways to assist with the lineup. Parking is available for graduates in the south lots.

GRADUATION CEREMONY: Generally, there are three primary reasons one could be excluded from participating in the formal graduation ceremony. The first way is through lack of academic success. Obviously, if a student does not fulfill the minimum academic requirements, the student will fall short of earning the necessary credits for graduation. Secondly, if a student is found to have engaged in any sort of behavior that the administration deems unacceptable and/or inappropriate, the administration may also withhold participation in the graduation exercises. And third, if a student has any outstanding balances on lunch, lost books, unpaid parking tickets, or art fees. These need to be paid prior to being able to walk at the graduation ceremony.

PROPER DRESS: Graduation is a formal occasion and “dress up” is required. Therefore, no inappropriately dressed graduate will be permitted in the processional. The standard gown and mortarboard are to be worn with tassels worn on the right side from processional to the end of the ceremony. No messages nor adornment may appear on the mortarboard or gown. Take note: it may be warm, so suit coats or jackets under the gowns may be uncomfortable.

YOU ARE ADVISED TO LEAVE PURSES, CAMERAS, ETC., AT HOME.

LINE OF MARCH: Two juniors will lead the line of march. Processional music will set the marching pace. Graduates will enter the Civic Center arena from the lower level. Upon entering the arena, maintain an arm’s length distance between you and the senior before you. Proceed down the row of chairs to the chair having your name on an index card on the seat of the chair.

When the processional is complete, all seniors will remain standing while the National Anthem is sung.

DIPLOMAS: The first rows will rise at a given signal from a junior marshal, turn right or left and proceed to the stage steps to the right or the left (depending on which side you are on). Students will remain at the top of the steps until their names are called. When there are five seniors left at the bottom of the steps, the second row will stand and proceed to the stage steps. All rows will follow this procedure as shown in the diagram. When seniors’ names are announced, they will move across the stage to receive diplomas. You will receive your diploma from a school board member. Take it with your left hand, leaving your right hand free to shake hands. After receiving your diploma, proceed down the steps directly in front of the podium and occupy the same seat. Please sit down when you reach your seat, and remain seated until the last senior has received a diploma. There is no recessional for graduation.

A LIVE VIDEO STREAM OF THE 2019 CHS GRADUATION CEREMONY
WILL BE AVAILABLE @ WWW.CHS.BISMARCKSCHOOLS.ORG

