

COMMENCEMENT DECORUM

ALL WAKE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES APPLY FOR ALL GRADUATION ACTIVITIES.

NO CHEWING GUM AND NO SMOKING WHILE WEARING YOUR CAP AND GOWN.

CAT-CALLS, YELLING, AND PRANKS DURING COMMENCEMENT WILL DETRACT FROM THE CEREMONY AND REFLECT POORLY ON OUR SCHOOL. THERE SHOULD BE NO TALKING DURING THE CEREMONY.

STUDENTS NOT ON TIME TO LINE-UP, REHEARSALS, ETC. **WILL NOT** PARTICIPATE IN THE CEREMONIES.

IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO ABIDE BY THE RULES, YOU **WILL NOT** BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CEREMONIES.

INAPPROPRIATE ATTIRE OF ANY TYPE AT ANY CEREMONY **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.**

APPROPRIATE DRESS

The appropriate dress for Senior assembly, Baccalaureate, and Commencement is cap and gown. Make sure the gown is neatly pressed for each occasion. Use a cool iron to press gowns or they will melt!

Women should wear a simple, lightweight dress that will accommodate the graduation gown's collar. The dress should **not** exceed the length of the gown. Black or dark dress shoes are appropriate. **The shoes should not be open-toed.** Wear minimum jewelry. NO JEANS, SHORTS, SLACKS, OR PURSES.

Men should wear a **WHITE** shirt and a **dark** long tie. **Dark dress pants** (navy, black, gray, etc.) should be worn. Shoes should be **black or dark brown dress shoes.** (NO top-siders, tennis shoes, boots, etc.) Suit coats may be worn, but it is not advised because it will probably be too hot under the gown.

Dresses and long pants are the appropriate attire under caps and gowns for EVERY graduation function.

CAPS AND TASSELS

The tassel should be worn on the right side. Pin the tassel in place for all ceremonies except commencement. Do not pin the tassel for commencement; graduates will be directed to move the tassel to the left side upon the official pronouncement of graduation. The gown should be neat and pressed with a cool iron.

Caps are always worn **STRAIGHT** on the head, parallel to the floor by both men and women. **THESE WILL BE ADJUSTED FOR YOU BEFORE YOU ENTER ANY CEREMONY, IF YOU ARE NOT WEARING THE CAPS CORRECTLY.**
