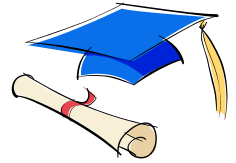


WOODROW WILSON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF **2019** COMMENCEMENT GUIDE



Graduation is almost here. Listed below are guidelines to insure a successful commencement day....

Senior Breakfast

June 7th from 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. in the cafeteria.

Cap and Gown Distribution

Cap and Gowns will be distributed on Friday, April 19th in the foyer of the auditorium. If you are unable to attend please see Ms. McFarland to pick yours up any time after the 19th.

Yearbook Distribution

Seniors may pick up yearbooks on June 7th in the school store from 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM. I.D. will be required to receive yours.

Senior Awards

The Honor Cord Ceremony is for seniors with a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.2 or higher and will be held on Tuesday, May 21st in the auditorium, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The Scholarship and Senior Awards Ceremony Held on May 28th in the auditorium, beginning at 7:00 p.m. **This event is by invitation only.**

Senior Check Out

The proposed senior check out date will be Wednesday, June 12th. Pick up your check out form in the auditorium starting at 7:30 AM. Sign out with all your teachers, the library, and return to the auditorium to be cleared by Ms. Pong and Ms. Chantler. Upon completion, see your counselor for your final graduation clearance.

A-E	Mr. Coleman
F-Li	Ms. Madison
Lo-Ri	Ms. Elsdon
Ro-Z	Mr. Burns

You must have passed 48 classes, have 24 credits and completed all state requirements in order to participate in the graduation ceremony and receive your diploma.
NO EXCEPTIONS!

Senior Ball

The Senior Ball is on Friday, June 7th at the Tacoma Art Museum 8:00 - 11:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 for seniors with ASB, \$25.00 without ASB and \$50.00 for guests (Non-Wilson guests must be approved by Ms. Hartman before May 28th). Tickets must be purchased in advance and go on sale May 20th. Tickets will **not** be available for purchase at the door. Remember: **You will need picture ID to get into the dance.** Senior Ball is a formal event. Refer to the handbook for proper attire. Guest forms will be available April 1st.

Running Start Students

In May, your college will be sending you a grade verification sheet that you are to take around to each of your current college course instructors. This form is required and serves to provide written instructor verification that you are passing your current college courses (courses needed to graduate). This form must be turned in completed at the proposed senior check out date of June 12th. Running Start students may pick up their diploma once your college credits have been received and posted to your transcript.

Graduation Tickets and Guest Information

Prices are as follows: Each senior will receive eight free tickets (MUST BE DEBT FREE to receive free tickets). Additional tickets may be purchased at Wilson High School for \$5.00 or at the Tacoma Dome on graduation day for \$5.00. Tickets will go on sale April 19th. Your free tickets will be given to you at senior check out once it is verified that you have no fines with Ms. Pong and Ms. Chantler.

Graduation Rehearsal

Thursday, June 13th @ 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Park in Lot B with no charge for parking.
Enter through lower Gate A for rehearsal.

Parking – Graduation Ceremony

Graduates, parents and guests may park in lots A, B, F or G. Disabled parking with permits in lots D, E, and K. **All parking is \$15.00 per vehicle.**

Graduation Ceremony

Friday, June 14th, at 4:00 p.m. at the Tacoma Dome. Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from the Tacoma Dome for commencement. Parents and guests will enter the Dome through Gate C and upper gate A. Handicapped seating is available upon request by contacting Ms. McFarland at 571-6147. Following the ceremony, family and friends may meet graduates OUTSIDE the lower gate A of the Dome.

Ceremony Guidelines

Please remember that graduation is a formal ceremony. Please do not bring any food, drinks, helium balloons, and liquid string in aerosol cans, beach balls, gum or other objects. You will be searched, security will confiscate these items and you will be asked to leave. (Aerosol cans carried by graduates or audience are prohibited in the contract that Tacoma Public Schools has with the Dome.)

Graduates may wear honor cords and medallions awarded from Wilson, but NO OTHER adornment including leis, corsages, boutonnieres, etc. will be allowed. Decoration of caps (including tops) and gowns with glitter, paint or anything else is prohibited.

We are requesting that students do not throw their caps into the air at the end of the ceremony. This is a dangerous act that could cause injury. Tacoma School District Security and Tacoma Police Officers will be at the door of the Tacoma Dome to enforce both Tacoma School District and Tacoma Dome regulations and policies.

Valuables at Graduation

There is no secure storage for purses, cameras, cell phones or other valuables at the Dome. **Please don't ask staff to watch over your valuables. Leave them at home or in the care of a guest/parent.**

Graduation Processional

Graduates will line up at the lower gate A to enter the dome. Plan to arrive by 3:15 p.m. **If your name is not on the graduation list you will not be permitted to enter the Dome and participate in the graduation exercises.** After you are dressed in your cap and gown, please pick up your name card from the table in the northwest corner of the main floor, and then find your partners and line up in your row of four, *as rehearsed* earlier in the day.

Graduation Photos

Photos will be taken by Leos and will be available for purchase. Look for addition information regarding how to purchase at senior check out.

Diploma Distribution

Diplomas **will not** be given out after the graduation ceremony. Graduates can pick up their diplomas from the counseling office beginning July 23rd, Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Students over 18 must pick up their own diploma, unless written permission is received to release it to a parent. You or your parent may pick up your diploma if you are under the age of 18.

If you are deficient in credits or owe fines **you will not** receive your diploma until fines are paid and credits/state requirements are met.

Transcripts

Final official transcripts are now requested through Parchment system. Go to the following site: www.tacomaschools.org/wilson then choose "Resources" then "Order Transcripts". The first four are free and after that a \$10 fee will be charged.



Schedule of Senior Events

Tuesday	May 21 st	Senior Awards- Honor Cords	Auditorium	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	May 28 th	Senior Awards- Scholarship	Auditorium	7:00 p.m.
Various	June 7 th	Senior Finals (through June 11 th)	Teachers Choice	School Hours
Friday	June 7 th	Senior Breakfast	Cafeteria	8:00-9:30 a.m.
Friday	June 7 th	Senior Ball	TAM	8:00-11:00 p.m.
Wednesday	June 12 th	Senior Check Out	Starts in Auditorium	8:00-9:30 a.m.
Thursday	June 13 th	Graduation Rehearsal	Tacoma Dome	11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Friday	June 14 th	Graduation	Tacoma Dome	4 p.m. (arrival 3:15)