

Class of 2026 Graduation Ceremony

Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

University of West Georgia Coliseum

What I Need to Wear and How to Care

Appropriate Attire Per Event ~~ <http://chs.carrollcountyschools.com/graduationinformation>

<u>School Attire:</u>	Clothing that follows the Parent/Student Handbook guidelines.
<u>Boys Formal Graduation Attire:</u>	Boys in black dress pants with black belt, black dress socks and black dress shoes. White button-down or collared shirt with plain dark or small print bow tie or necktie.
<u>Girls Formal Graduation Attire:</u>	Girls in black dress pants and black dress shoes with white blouse or black or dark colored dress (knee length) and black shoes. Shoes may be open toe or open heel, but should NOT be both. If a dress is worn, the length should be <u>shorter</u> than the gown.
<u>Graduation Note:</u>	Students wearing blue jeans, tee shirts, or inappropriate shoes will not be allowed to walk during the graduation ceremony. Graduation gowns should be fully zipped up during the entire ceremony.

Graduation Honors Regalia ~ Appropriate Wear and Care

Stole and Collar Care:

Do not wash, wet, or put the stole or collar in the dryer. Hang both neatly for wear with the graduation robe. If you have a hand-held steamer, this will remove wrinkles without damaging the material.

Robe Care:

Tumble in the dryer to eliminate wrinkles and hang. Do not use an iron on the material.

Cord Care:

Hang for wearing in the graduation ceremony.

Wear regalia in this order:

- 1) Silver Stole
- 2) Add medals
- 3) Add cords
- 4) Add NHS Collar on top

Hint:

Sew or pin the stole in place at the base of the neck.

Sew or pin the medal ribbons in place, stagger if possible.

Pin cords to the back of the collar to keep it from slipping and twisting during the ceremony.

The more each item is kept in place, the less chance of dropping and losing an honor item. As the stole and cords twist, they can easily fall off and be lost. Once awarded, it is the student's responsibility to keep up with regalia. **If regalia is lost, you will not receive a second cord, medallion, or stole.**

Note:

Graduates **MAY NOT** decorate the top of the mortarboard cap.

Students may **not** wear regalia given by outside organizations or groups, including military recruiters. Students may **not** wear athletic ribbon awards.

Students wearing white tennis shoes or other inappropriate shoes for the ceremony will be asked to wear a pair of the donated black shoes. The student will add their name to a large ziplock bag, place their shoes inside and can pick up the shoes at the end of the ceremony.

Students who select to wear items that are inappropriate for graduation will be asked to remove the items, place them in a ziplock bag with their name on the front. Bagged items can then be picked up with their diploma at the end of the event. Items to be removed include: Athletic medals, cultural/diversity sash or stole, military stoles, religious or outside organization stoles and cords.

UWG Policies and Procedures

Admission

- Graduates arrive through the loading dock wearing cap and gown.
- Coliseum doors open for guests one hour before the ceremony begins. Guests go through a bag check and security check upon entering the building.
- Everyone, **including** babies in arms, are required to have an admission ticket per Fire Marshal policy.
- **Clear Bag Policy**: All bags entering the coliseum must be clear, no other bag will be permitted. **This is not a new policy and is strictly enforced!**

UWG Coliseum Policy

- **No assigned or saved seats**
- Shuttle service will be available from the Tyus Hall and Bookstore bus stops
- No outside food or drink is allowed inside the building
- No noisemakers or balloons are allowed inside the building
- No one is allowed to walk on the floor
- The University of West Georgia is a tobacco-free university

UWG Ancillary Services

- Shuttle bus
- Concessions will be available
- Roses will be available for purchase
- Large tent will be provided outside

A Respectful Request:

Guests are reminded that commencement is a formal occasion. Please refrain from applause or other activities that make it difficult to hear each graduate's name as it is read. Applause should be held until all candidates are recognized.

NOISEMAKERS, BALLOONS and other restricted items will be confiscated. Guests violating the formality of the event will be escorted from the ceremony.

APPROVED HONOR REGALIA & CORDS

Honor cords signify a level of academic achievement in the awarded field or pathway. Honor cords are awarded only to those students who have met the standards of a State or National organization which sponsors an Honor Society and to which the local organization has an active affiliation. Clubs and organizations that offer the students an opportunity to earn and wear honor cords and medallions.

Students may only wear approved honor regalia during the graduation ceremony. Awards given to students from outside groups such as military recruiters, churches, and/or national organizations will be asked to remove the item for the ceremony.

Approved regalia:

Type of Honors	Approved Organization/Group	Cord Color
Honor Graduate	Central High School	Silver Stole
Fine Arts	Band	Pink - single
	Chorus	Pink - single
	Drama	Pink - single
	Visual Arts	Pink - single
CTAE	Pathway Assessment (Passing)	Chrome - single
	Business FBLA	Blue & Gold - double
	FBLA Officers	Medallion
	FFA	Blue & Gold - double
	FFA Officers	Medallion
	CTI	Light blue & light green twist
Science Olympiad	GASO non-profit organization	Copper, old gold, silver twist
Class Officers & Student Council		Red, White, Blue - triple
Beta Club		Black & Gold - double w/coin
	Beta Club Officers	Medallion with gold ribbon
National Honor Society		White Collar
Dual Enrollment	UWG	Red, White, Blue - single twist
	WGTC	Black & Gold - single twist
	Shorter University	Royal & White - single twist
	Middle Georgia State University	Purple & Black - two cords knotted
Carroll County Scholar	CCBOE	White - single
Spanish Honor Society		Red & Gold - twist with coin
	Spanish Honor Society Tutors	Medallion with red ribbon
JROTC	Air Force Stole	Solid Blue or Silver w/blue trim
Key Club	Kiwanis	Medallion with blue/gold ribbon
Governor's Honors Program	Georgia Dept. of Education	Royal, White, Black - single twist
Department Awards	Central High School	Medallion with metallic ribbon

Interact Club	Rotary International	Blue, Gold, White twist
Junior Chamber of Commerce	Chamber of Commerce	White Stole with emblem
12 for Life	CCBOE	Copper single cord

Senior Fees for Graduation

Fees cover diploma, diploma cover, cap, gown, tassel, program and alumni tee shirt.

The senior fee is paid ONE TIME. If you pay the fee before Christmas, you do not pay after Christmas. Cash payments are less expensive than the online payments. Questions: Contact Linda Morris at linda.morris@carrollcountyschools.com or 770.834.3386 x-2412.

Payment Date	Method	Fee	Deadline
First Semester	Cash/Check (made out to Central High School)	\$160	Thursday, December 19, 2025
	Online Payment through Infinite Campus	\$175	Thursday, December 19, 2025
Second Semester	Cash ONLY	\$200	Friday, February 13, 2026
	Online Payment through Infinite Campus	\$225	Friday, February 13, 2026
February 13, 2026 or later	Cash ONLY	\$260	Friday, May 1, 2026
February 13, 2026 or later	Online Payment through Infinite Campus	\$275	Friday, May 1, 2026