

Graduation Ceremony:

1. Graduation practice will be held on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 9:00 am. Please allow for at least 2 hours. Any senior who does not attend the entire practice will not be allowed to participate in graduation ceremonies. No excuses will be accepted.
2. Due to fire codes, every person, regardless of age, must have a ticket. Each senior will be given 5 tickets for the gymnasium and 2 for the auditorium. The ceremony will also be available via livestream for extra guests to watch at home. You will receive your tickets at graduation practice on June 14. Please keep in mind that all seats have been allocated and there are **NO EXTRA TICKETS IF YOU LOSE YOURS**.
3. All babies and children are also required to have a ticket if attending the ceremony regardless of age or size.
4. Proper attire for graduation is expected from everyone. This is a formal occasion and seniors are expected to treat it as such. Ladies are required to wear dresses/dress slacks and dress shoes. Gentlemen are required to wear a dress shirt with tie, dress pants, socks, and dress shoes. This means no jeans, sunglasses, flip flops, tennis shoes. High heels and strapless shoes are highly discouraged due to safety reasons. If you have a question about your attire, see Dr. Gross. Seniors are not to alter their cap or gown in any way. Anyone not conforming to the dress code will not be allowed to participate in graduation. Ladies do not have to affix the collar onto the gowns. This is optional. Students may wear cords that are issued by the school. If you have questions, you will need to see Dr. Gross or Mrs. Rains.
5. On Wednesday, June 14, 2023, seniors need to be at Swansboro High School one hour prior to the graduation ceremony (6:00 pm for the 7:00 pm ceremony). No guests will be allowed in the main building and once you are inside, you may not leave the building until after graduation. You will not be allowed to bring any food or drinks into the building. You need to enter the school at the front door by the cafeteria because other doors will be locked. Students will sign in at the door and receive room assignments. Bring bobby pins or whatever else you might need to secure your cap.
6. Please note OCS Board Policy: IHF-A Graduation Exercises: Any senior who violates school rules, damages school property, or engages in any conduct which interferes with, or disrupts school operations, may be prohibited by the principal from participation in the graduation exercises.
7. Any student or guests who disrupts the ceremony will be escorted by police out of the gymnasium.
8. Seniors who have a financial obligation to Swansboro High School, i.e. lost books, uniforms, school fees, fund raising money, etc. will not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony. All final fees will need to be taken care of by May 26, 2023.
9. Project graduation and senior walk permission slips must be completed by May 5, 2023.