

Orange High School  
Class of 2025  
Schedule for Graduation Rehearsals  
&  
Graduation Procedures

*To Educate, Elevate, and Empower Every Student Daily!*



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Dear Graduates and Guardians,

As we come to the end of the 2025 school year and graduation approaches, we want to ensure you are well-informed about important upcoming graduation-related details. All students who have met the graduation requirements set forth by Orange Public Schools and the State of New Jersey are eligible to participate in the commencement ceremony.

Graduation is one of the most significant milestones in a young person's life. It is a moment of pride and joy—both a family celebration and a school tradition. Our graduation ceremony is a proud tradition that spans over 150 years. Every effort is being made to ensure this year's ceremony is a memorable event.

The administration and faculty are committed to making this a beautiful and meaningful experience for each graduate and their loved ones. To ensure the ceremony is well-organized, we kindly ask all participants to carefully follow instructions and work together. The remainder of this booklet contains important information and suggestions regarding graduation, including key dates to remember.

If you have any questions please email:

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We look forward to celebrating this extraordinary achievement with you.

Respectfully yours,

Orange High School



## Chromebook Return Procedures

Dear Students and Guardians,

Please be advised that it is time to collect the Chromebooks that were issued to students as part of our technology lending program. We greatly appreciate your cooperation in returning these devices promptly so that we can prepare them for future use. We kindly request that all Chromebooks are returned in good condition, free from any damages beyond normal wear and tear. It is essential that all accessories are included. Failure to return the Chromebook by the specified deadline may result in consequences, including but not limited to:

- Incurring replacement fees for the unreturned Chromebook and accessories.
- Graduation tickets, and cap & gown being withheld until devices are returned or replacement fees are paid in full.

Please note the following details regarding the Chromebook collection:

- **Collection Dates:** Friday, June 13, 2025 & Monday, June 16, 2025
- **Collection Location:** OHS Library, please click the link below to see the time you are scheduled to return your.
  - [+ senior chromebook collection](#)
- **Required Items:** Chromebook, charger, any accessories issued with the Chromebook.

Sincerely,

*J. Belton*

Jason Belton  
Principal  
Orange High School



## **Senior Graduation Rehearsals Schedule**

June 13<sup>th</sup>, June 16<sup>th</sup>, June 17<sup>th</sup>, June 18<sup>th</sup>, June 20<sup>th</sup>

- **June 13:** Seniors report to OHS Gym at 1:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
- **June 16:** Seniors report to OHS Gym at 1:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
- **June 17:** Seniors report to OHS Gym at 1:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
- **June 18:** Seniors report to OHS Gym at 1:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
- **June 20:** Seniors report to OHS Library at 7:30 a.m – 2:30 p.m.

Students will receive their graduation invitations, tickets, and cap & gowns in alphabetical order by their last names.

**NO FOOD OR BEVERAGES** will be allowed in the OHS Gymnasium or Codey Arena at any time during rehearsals and on the day of graduation.

### **Invitations and Tickets**

- Distribution of invitations and tickets **Tuesday, June 17, 2025**
  - Each student will receive a maximum of **5 guest tickets** for graduation entry.
- Distribution of Cap & Gowns **Tuesday, June 17, 2025**



## GRADUATION DAY SCHEDULE

Friday, June 20, 2025

- 7:30 AM** Meet at OHS Library  
**8:00 AM** Buses will transport the graduates to Codey Arena for rehearsal. **Do not bring your cap and gown.**  
**10:30 AM** Buses will bring graduates back to OHS

### **LATE OR ABSENT STUDENTS WILL NOT ATTEND GRADUATION**

- 4:00 PM** Meet at OHS Library **WITH YOUR CAP AND GOWN**  
**4:30 PM** Buses will leave promptly for Codey Arena for Graduation  
**6:00 PM** The graduation will start promptly!!!

**STUDENTS NOT IN CAP AND GOWN OR WHO ARRIVE LATE WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE CEREMONY.** Any seniors who are inappropriately dressed, misbehaving or in violation of OHS rules will be removed from the marching line.

**THERE WILL BE NO BALLOONS, FOOD, OR CONTAINERS ALLOWED IN CODEY ARENA. THIS IS A CODEY ARENA MANDATE.**

You will receive your official diploma during the graduation ceremony at Codey Arena.

- 8:30 PM** Buses will bring you back to OHS – *Chaperones*



## CODE OF CONDUCT FOR GRADUATING SENIORS, PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

### *DURING REHEARSALS:*

Please follow these rules carefully to make sure everything goes smoothly:

#### **Be on Time**

- Students must arrive **on time** for **all rehearsals**. Tardiness is not acceptable.

#### **No Unexcused Absences**

- **No absences** are allowed unless approved **in writing** by **Mr. Frantantoni** and **Mr. Belton** at least **24 hours** before the rehearsal.

#### **No Visitors Allowed**

- Visitors, including friends and family, are **not permitted** during rehearsals.

#### **No Disruptive Items**

*The following items are not allowed during rehearsal*

- Phones and any other electronic devices (**Must be turned off or silenced**)
- Earbuds or headphones— no earbuds of any type will be allowed
- Sunglasses
- Hats
- Any other items that may cause a distraction

#### **No Food or Drinks**

- **Do not bring** food or drinks to rehearsal.
- Chewing gum is **not allowed** during rehearsals or at graduation.

#### **Feeling Sick?**

If you feel ill during rehearsal, please inform the line chaperone quietly and promptly.

#### **Listen to Instructions**

Students are expected to listen to and follow all instructions from the adults in charge of rehearsals.

#### **Behavior Expectations**

Students who violate any student code of conduct policy will be **removed from participating in the graduation ceremony — no exceptions.**



## Graduation Ceremony Guidelines

### General Behavior

- Conduct yourself in a way that reflects positively on **your family, your school, and yourself**.
- **No gum chewing** during the ceremony.
- **No stopping for photos** during the processional or march — this disrupts the flow and timing of the event.
- **Visitors are not allowed** in the graduation assembly or lineup area.

### Graduation Attire

- **Nothing** may be worn **over, under, or on top of** the graduation gown (e.g., sashes, cords, buttons, pins, etc., unless issued by the school).
- **Graduation caps** must be worn **flat and squarely on the head** — not tilted to the side, back, or forward.
- **Durags and bonnets are not allowed** under any circumstances.
- **Flip-flops or house slippers are not allowed** under any circumstances.

### For Male Graduates:

- Shirt and tie
- Dress pants
- Dress shoes

### For Female Graduates:

- Dress or dress slacks
- Dress shoes (avoid very high heels for safety)

 **Students not dressed appropriately will not be permitted to march.**

### Transportation

- **Students must be on the graduation bus.**  
If you miss the bus, **you will not be allowed to participate.** There are **no exceptions.**

### Prohibited Items and Behavior

- **No electronic devices** during the ceremony — this includes **phones, earbuds, smartwatches, etc.**
- **No sunglasses, hats,** or distracting accessories will be permitted.
- **No cell phone use** will be allowed at any point during the ceremony.

### Guest Information

- Guests **will not be allowed** to enter **Codey Arena** with:
  - Balloons
  - Food or beverages will not be allowed in the OHS Gymnasium or Codey Arena at any time during rehearsals and on the day of graduation.
- **Flowers are allowed** and welcomed.



## **DIRECTIONS TO CODEY ARENA**

**FROM ROUTE 280 WEST** – Take exit 10 (West Orange) off 280 West. At the top of the ramp (traffic light), make a left onto Northfield Avenue. At the ninth traffic light make a left into the Arena.

**FROM ROUTE 280 EAST** – To exit 7 (Pleasant Valley Way), at the traffic light, make a left onto Pleasant Valley Way. At the second traffic light make a left onto Northfield Avenue the Arena will be  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile down on the right-hand side.

**FROM 80 EAST** – Exit onto Route 280 East. Follow the directions above for Route 280 East.

**FROM THE GARDEN STATE PARKWAY** – Take exit 145 to Route 280 West (The Oranges). Follow the directions above for Route 280 West.

**FROM THE NJ TURNPIKE** – Take exit 15W to Route 280 West (The Oranges). Follow the directions above for Route 280 West.

**ROUTE 78** – Take Route 287 North to Route 80 East to Route 280 East. Follow the directions above for Route 280 East.

