

GRADUATION CONTRACT

HUNTERDON CENTRAL REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FLEMINGTON, NEW JERSEY GRADUATION CEREMONY REQUIREMENTS

Participation in the HCRHS commencement exercise is a privilege extended to all senior students who have fulfilled the requirements for the completion of high school, as of the date of the ceremony. The commencement exercise is a serious, dignified, student-faculty-parent experience. It represents the end of a combined effort of the students, faculty, high school administration, and, of course, parents.

Participation in the exercise is optional. However, students who elect to be participants in the graduation ceremony must adhere to the regulations within this document.

NO STUDENTS WILL BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES UNTIL A SIGNED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ON FILE AT THE HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE.

This document applies only to regulations concerning commencement and in no way assures any student or parent that the student is or will be eligible to graduate. Additional information will be given to the graduates as necessary.

- Caps and gowns provided to the graduates through the high school must be worn. Hairstyles should be appropriate to the wearing of a mortarboard style academic cap. Sunglasses may be worn; however, we ask that the glasses be removed when moving to the stage to receive the diploma.
- Clothing styles appropriate with the wearing of caps and gowns must be worn.

Girls – neat garments such as dresses, skirt/blouse, dress slacks, skorts, and dress shoes. **NO** casual wear such as jeans, shorts, bathing suits, sneakers, flip-flops etc.

Boys – neat garments consisting of a collared dress shirt, tie, dress slacks, and dress shoes. **NO** jeans, shorts, T's, un-collared shirts, sneakers, flip-flops, etc.

- Before participation in the graduation ceremony will be permitted, students must complete all course requirements, the Naviance Survey, all exams, meet all book obligations, return all school property, pay any outstanding fines, settle any cafeteria debts, and fulfill all requirements of the attendance and discipline policies.
- Students that are on the obligations list will not be eligible for the graduation. All obligations must be cleared prior to graduating or participating in the graduation ceremony.
- The administration reserves the right to modify any regulation on an individual basis to allow for medical or physical restrictions of participants.
- Rehearsal for graduation is **MANDATORY** for all participants unless excused, in advance, by the high school principal. Attendance will be taken. Failure to attend the rehearsal or late arrival may result in the exclusion of the student(s) from the graduation ceremony.
- Any student involved in a disciplinary infraction faces the possibility of being excluded from participation in the ceremony. (Board of Education Policy # 5460.1)
- **Participation in the commencement exercises is optional.** Students not wishing to participate in the ceremonies are to notify the administration by October of the school year and will be excluded from the "Class" rehearsals.
- Any student found to be under the influence of or in possession of alcoholic beverages or controlled dangerous substances (illegal drugs) will be prohibited from participating in or attending the graduation ceremony and the appropriate authorities will be notified as per Board of Education Policy and the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement. The diploma will be made available at a later date.
- Any disruptive behavior exhibited during graduation will result in an immediate removal of those offending parties. Any student engaged in inappropriate behavior will be required to serve disciplinary consequences prior to receiving his/her diploma.

Note: It is impossible to list all regulations concerning all circumstances that may arise. In the event of an unforeseen situation, the school administration will render its final judgment in accordance with due process.