

Dakota Ridge High School
Graduation Day and Ceremony Itinerary
May 17, 2019

1. **You must be at DRHS by 5:00 p.m.** for photos. Busses will begin boarding at 5:45 p.m. with departure at 6:00 p.m. Come dressed in appropriate graduation attire. Do not forget your cap and gown! The bus trip to Red Rocks will be **one way** so plan accordingly with your family for a ride home. **If you miss the bus trip, you will not participate in graduation.**

Graduation Attire- (To be worn to graduation under your robe)

Required dress for female graduates:

- Dresses that do not hang below the gown. (flat collars, not a turtleneck)
- Dress shoes (no athletic shoes or flip-flops)
- Inconspicuous jewelry, if any.
- No corsages, flowers, leis, etc. on the gown. Cardinal gown only!
- Place the cap so the fabric point touches the middle of your forehead & the top is parallel with the ground. You may need a couple of bobby pins to hold your cap on your head.
- DO NOT bring purses or other valuables.
- No additions to the gown or cap i.e., masking tape slogans on caps, so that all graduates will look the same.

Required dress for male graduates:

- Light colored shirts look best, long or short sleeved, preferably with ties, but NO jacket.
- Dress trousers (no jeans or shorts). No boutonnieres, flowers, leis, etc. on the gown. Navy gown only!
- Dark shoes and dark socks (no white socks, athletic shoes or sandals)
- Place cap so the fabric point touches the middle of your forehead & the top is parallel with the ground. You may need a couple of bobby pins to hold your cap on your head.
- No additions to the gown or cap i.e., masking tape slogans on caps, so that all graduates will look the same.

2. Upon arrival at Red Rocks, you will assemble in your rows at the upper concourse in preparation for the processional.

3. At 7:00 p.m. sharp, you will follow the faculty and junior escorts as they proceed into the venue.

4. As you reach your assigned row, remain standing for the National Anthem.

5. The ceremony will then include welcome addresses, speeches, and special awards.

6. During the Awarding of the Diplomas portion of the ceremony, you will be led by rows to the platform by the junior escort to receive your diploma cover.

7. As your name is read, approach the person giving the diploma cover and, with your left hand on top, receive the diploma and with your right hand under the left hand, shake the giver's hand. Pause for your picture and smile big! After receiving your diploma cover, walk off the opposite side of the stage, collect your graduation packet from your counselor, and return to your appropriate row. Please remain standing until all graduates in the entire row have returned. The junior escort will prompt your row to sit down. **DO NOT TURN YOUR TASSEL AT THIS TIME.**

8. When all of the graduates have received their diploma covers, closing remarks will be given. At the conclusion of the closing remarks, you will be directed to turn your tassels **FROM the RIGHT SIDE to the LEFT SIDE.**