



Deep Creek High School

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Dear Parents and Graduating Seniors:

Congratulations! In just a few days, we will celebrate our 2022 graduates. Graduation is the culmination of years of hard work, dedication, and commitments on the part of parents, students, teachers, and administrators. We all want to make graduation a happy and memorable occasion with just the right atmosphere of seriousness, pride, dignity, and happiness. In an effort to ensure that this occasion is one that all participants can remember with a sense of accomplishment, the following guidelines have been established:

1. Appropriate attire must be worn by all graduates. Appropriate attire includes shoes, trousers, collared shirts, neckties, dresses, skirts, or blouses.
2. Caps and gowns are to be worn for graduation. Caps are worn with the cap mortarboard parallel to the ground – not tilted. The tassel is worn over the right eye until all students are called across the stage; the class will then change tassels to the left to signify “graduate” as a group. All graduates should refrain from wearing distracting jewelry with their caps and gowns. Caps should not be embellished with additional decoration.
3. Remember all would like to hear students’ names called without interference. Please refrain from loud outbursts when names are called. Patrons who utilize air horns or noisemakers will have these items confiscated and may be asked to leave the arena.
4. ODU will not sell food or drinks or any type of merchandise. Guests will be allowed to bring unopened water bottles into the stadium if desired.

In addition, we ask that you arrive early for the graduation ceremony. ALL GUESTS MUST HAVE A TICKET TO ENTER THE CHARTWAY ARENA. Please note that graduates will each receive ten tickets for the ceremony. Tickets will be barcoded to prevent duplication.

The doors of the Chartway Arena will open one hour prior to the beginning of the ceremony. Attendants will be available to assist you in locating a parking space. Parking lot entrances and exit lanes as well as handicapped parking areas are clearly marked. If members of your party require ADA seating or the use of an elevator, please let the ODU staff know upon arrival.

On the back of this letter are general guidelines to assist you in planning for the graduation ceremony. Please be reminded that the graduation ceremony is one for all to enjoy and remember. You are asked to remain at your seats during the ceremony and until graduation is completed.

The administration of Deep Creek High School wants the 2022 commencement to be remembered with joy and pride, and we are looking forward to a memorable and rewarding experience. With your support, the Class of 2022 will be honored with the dignity that they deserve. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,

Brian Haughinberry

Principal,
Deep Creek High School

IMPORTANT REMINDERS REGARDING GRADUATION 2022

1. Parking garages are located at the 43rd Street Constant Center Garage, the 45th Street Constant Center Garage, and the 43rd & Elkhorn parking garage.
2. Doors to the Chartway Arena will open for guests to enter one hour prior to the ceremony and the ceremony will begin promptly at the scheduled time.
3. Appropriate attire is requested.
4. Please remain seated during the entire ceremony. Photography or videography from the aisles are prohibited.
5. Please do not bring gifts, large objects, containers, noise makers, balloons, or signs. Patrons who utilize air horns or loud noise makers will have these items confiscated and may be asked to leave.
6. Please exit the arena as directed by the ushers and maintain social distancing.
7. Graduates will recess first; guests should remain standing at seats until graduates have recessed from the floor of the Convocation Center. NOTE: Guests should plan to exit the arena to meet up with their graduate at a predetermined space following the ceremony.

GRADUATION GUIDELINES AND CROWD CONTROL

- I. Preliminary mailing of information to parents/guardians with the following expectations:
 - Stay seated during ceremony
 - No photography or videography from aisles or arena floor
 - No noisemakers
 - Graduates exit first; guests remain standing at seats until graduates have recessed from the floor of the Chartway Arena. NOTE: Inform guests to go outside of the arena to meet up with the graduates
 - No gift boxes, camera bags, large objects, containers, balloons, or signs
 - ODU staff will assist in directions and monitoring inside arena doors