

ISLIP HIGH SCHOOL – COMMENCEMENT BULLETIN #2

Dear Members of the Class of 2024,

The following information is provided for your use to ensure that each member of the class knows what to expect before, during, and after the Islip High School Commencement Ceremony on Wednesday, June 26, 2024. Your cooperation and consideration of fellow classmates will help a great deal to make this the best commencement ever.

BEFORE THE CEREMONY

Students must be here no later than 5:15 pm on Wednesday. Students must enter the building through the auditorium lobby doors only. Do not bring anyone with you; only graduates will be permitted through these doors.

Due to parking limitations, seniors are asked to either carpool with fellow seniors or be dropped off by a family member. This will help to add parking spots for our guests.

Go directly to the auditorium and find your assigned seat. Please do not bring any valuables with you. You must be in your assigned seat no later than 5:30 pm for attendance purposes. By doing so, this will help to ensure that the processional starts promptly at 6:00 pm.

CORDS ~ STOLES

You may have been given a cord/stole from an advisor or have one in your rehearsal envelope. These items should be worn over your gown or on your cap to signify those accomplishments. See below for a list of those items and their significance. No other regalia will be permitted at the Graduation Ceremony.

1. Advanced Regents with Honors Diploma: Blue Cord
2. Advanced Regents Diploma: Gold Cord
3. Community Service: Intertwined Green and White Cord
4. Career Academy: Intertwined Red, Black, Gold Cord
5. English Honor Society Member: Intertwined Blue and Gold Cord
6. Math Honor Society: Light Blue Cord
7. Cosmetology Program: Lilac Cord
8. Tri-M Music Honor Society: Pink Cord
9. National Art Honor Society: Multi-Colored Cord
10. Music as a Second Language: Intertwined Purple and White Cord
11. Spanish World Language Honor Society Member: Red Cord
12. Italian World Language Honor Society: Green Cord
13. NYS Seal of Biliteracy Program: Intertwined Blue and Red Cord
14. NYS Civil Readiness: Intertwined Red, White, and Blue Cord
15. National Honor Society Member: Blue Stole
16. Student Union Officers and Senior Class Officers: Gold Stole

SUGGESTED DRESS

The graduation ceremony is an important event and like all important events, you should dress for the occasion. Traditionally June is warm. It is suggested that light clothing be worn. Graduation is held on

the turf field. In order to keep our field preserved for years to come, **you are asked to wear flat soled shoes only.** **No heels will be permitted.** Parents should also be reminded that the **spectator stands face “west.”** Be prepared and bring sunglasses.

THE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

1. Lines will move towards the exiting doors to the field just before 6:00 pm. We will start promptly.
2. Processional is slow and dignified. Walk naturally and in time with the music. When you arrive at your seat, remain standing for:
 - a. The Star-Spangled Banner
 - b. At the end of the Star-Spangled Banner, watch Dr. Gonzalez for her signal to sit down together as a class.
3. When it is time for the diplomas to be issued, each row of students is to stand together. Use the last person in the row in front of you as the signal to stand. When the last person in your row receives his/her diploma and returns to his/her seat, your row should sit together.
4. When you hear the trumpet fanfare, turn and face the direction you will be leaving. Walk naturally and in time to the music.
5. Stay in line and continue to the auxiliary gym, where you will pick up your diploma before meeting your family.

DIPLOMA PICK UP

After the ceremony, you walk in line off the football field to the auxiliary gym, where you will sign for and pick up your diploma. **As mementos, you may keep your cap, gown, cords, and tassels.** The auxiliary gym will have tables set up based on your last name. Please report to the correct one.

Congratulations on your achievements! Wishing you much success in all of your future endeavors.

Sincerely,
Lara Gonzalez, Ed.D.
Principal