

GRADUATION INFORMATION

Dear 2018 Graduates and Parents,

We are excited for you as you finish this chapter in your lives and begin new adventures beyond high school. Congratulations on your accomplishments from everyone at NCHE!

Thank you so much for registering to participate the NCHE graduation ceremony. We want it to be a memorable event for all of you. Please read through all the information and instructions included below. Please address any questions you have regarding the ceremony to Briggs Greenwood, Graduation Coordinator at briggs.greenwood@nche.com

TIME AND PLACE:

We will have two ceremonies again this year. We do this to ensure that we will be able to accommodate all the families who wish to participate as well as their guests. This also allows us to keep the ceremony to roughly one hour, fifteen minutes in length. Both graduation ceremonies will begin at 5:00pm, Saturday, June 2, 2018 at the Benton Convention Center, 529 W. 5th Street, Winston-Salem. Decisions about the ceremony room that your graduate will be in will be determined in early spring and you will receive an email in that regard. If your graduate would like to be in the same ceremony as another graduate, please send any requests to me by April 1, 2018 at briggs.greenwood@nche.com.

GRADUATES AND PARENTS:

ALL graduates and ALL parents from both ceremonies must attend an instruction meeting at 2:50pm that Saturday for final instructions. The meeting will begin promptly at 3:00pm and all graduates must be dressed for the ceremony including cap and gown. Salem Ballroom is on the main floor of the convention center. It will be clearly marked. Only graduates, parents and young siblings will be allowed in at that time. Parents will have reserved seating – two per graduate. If you have a special situation (step-parents to be included or two sibling graduates, for example) which may modify the parent seating PLEASE contact me as soon as possible. If it is necessary for a young sibling to attend the meeting there will not be a seat for them in the parent section, but they can sit quietly in the back of the room.

This 3:00 meeting is ESSENTIAL for participation. Please give yourself at least one half hour to park and make your way to Salem Ballroom.

Dad and Mom, YOU will participate in the actual Graduation Ceremony. You will go on stage with your graduate and present the diploma when their name is called. You will not be speaking. We will practice this at the instruction meeting.

GRADUATE ATTIRE:

Graduates need to be in cap and gown at the 3:00 pm meeting. You will need to iron or steam the gown ahead of time. There will be no provision for this at the conference.

Official NCHE (and any other PRIOR approved) honor cords may be worn. The requirements for an NCHE honor cord are listed on our website. If your student would like to wear an honor cord other than NCHE's you may send an email request with a photo and the type of honor cord. My email is briggs.greenwood@nche.com.

We do request dress attire, and young men should wear long pants. Beyond that the definition of “dress attire” is up to your family’s discretion. Only the NCHE cap and gown are allowed. Non-compliance with the dress code will possibly initiate your removal from the ceremony. Your cap and gown are sent to you directly from Jostens and will arrive a few weeks before the ceremony. It is critical that you have your graduate try on the cap and gown shortly after you receive it so that any problems can be addressed in plenty of time.

You may NOT decorate caps or gowns in any way. They must be worn in their original condition or you will be required to purchase a replacement prior to the ceremony.

DIPLOMA:

NCHE will have your diploma at the ceremony. One less thing for you to remember!

JUNIOR MARSHALS:

One of the most important roles in making sure our graduation ceremonies run smoothly is the junior marshal. We invite you to have any younger high school homeschoolers that you know (younger siblings or friends) to apply. We will be accepting up to 8 per ceremony. The application and more details can be found on Graduate Central on the website. Any questions may be sent to me via the email below.

NEW FEATURE THIS YEAR – We have set up a Facebook group for graduates to “meet” and for families to ask questions. You may request to join this group by searching “NCHE 2018 Graduates” and your request will be approved based on graduation registration information.

QUESTIONS:

If you have any questions between now and the ceremony, please feel free to email me at briggs.greenwood@nche.com or to call the NCHE office at 919-790-1100.

Thank you for allowing NCHE to take part in this important event in the life of your family!

Best wishes,

Briggs Greenwood

NCHE Graduation Coordinator