

Smithtown East 2026 Graduation Information



June 26, 2026

Rain Date: June 27, 2026



SMITHTOWN HIGH SCHOOL EAST



GRADUATION 2026
Friday, June 26th - 5:00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Cap and Gown:

Caps and gowns will be distributed on **Thursday, June 18, 2026**, after the graduation rehearsal which begins at **8:30 a.m.** in the Auditorium.

**CAPS AND GOWNS WILL NOT BE ISSUED TO SENIORS
WHO OWE BOOK FINES, EQUIPMENT/ID MONEY, OR ELEVATOR KEYS**

Book fine lists and other financial obligation lists will be posted in every office. If you fail to settle your obligations before the cap and gown distribution on Thursday, June 18, there will be a delay on receiving your cap and gown until a later day. To ensure a seamless and dignified graduation day for all our students, all senior obligations must be settled prior to the ceremony. Please be advised that there is a strict, non-negotiable deadline of Wednesday, June 17th, to clear any outstanding accounts.

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SETTLE ALL YOUR OBLIGATIONS. RETURN ALL BOOKS AND CALCULATORS TO THE LIBRARY – PAY ALL ASSESSED FINES TO ANY OF THE LIBRARY PERSONNEL - ID REPLACEMENT FEES PAID TO NORTH ADMINISTRATION - ALL OTHER FINES CAN BE RECONCILED IN THE MAIN OFFICE.

To assist in settling obligations, **chromebook collection “pop-up” stations will be conveniently located during the following Senior events:**

MONDAY, JUNE 15th (SENIOR BBQ): 10:00 A.M. IN THE COMMONS CAFETERIA.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18th (CAP & GOWN DISTRIBUTION): 10:00 A.M. AT THE CAP & GOWN DISTRIBUTION STATION.

COMMENCEMENT DRESS:

Caps and gowns will be worn at the Commencement Ceremony. The caps and gowns are symbols of leadership and are to be worn with dignity. Caps are to be placed squarely on the head, not hanging over one ear. Caps may be *tastefully* adorned. This ceremony is a unified, dignified celebration of the entire Class of 2026. Please refrain from any political, controversial or inappropriate decorations. Any cap that is considered to be inappropriate by the Administration will be confiscated. Tassels are to be worn on the right side of the cap. Members of different National Honor Societies may wear unique cords according to their Honor Society. Students who have been designated as Gold Cord, and Gold Cord with Distinction recipients will wear cords reflecting their achievement.

All students should be dressed appropriately. Any student needing assistance with appropriate attire should speak to their counselor confidentially beforehand. If you have any questions as to what is or is not appropriate, please see an administrator after the rehearsal.

COMMENCEMENT DAY
Friday, June 26th at 5:00 p.m.

(The ceremony will last approximately 1 hour)

REPORT TO YOUR ASSIGNED LOCATION by 3:30 p.m. on FRIDAY, JUNE 26th

LAST NAMES A - LU	LAST NAMES M - Z	SENIOR CHORUS STUDENTS
COMMONS CAFE	MAIN CAFE	CHORUS ROOM

Signs with alphabet designations will be posted on the cafeteria walls. Report to the appropriate area to check in. You will be handed a **YELLOW NAME CARD** to fill out. **PLEASE DO NOT LOSE YOUR NAME CARD!** This card will be handed to a counselor when you approach the stage. If you misplace your card, state your name clearly to the person assisting you when you get to the stage.

You will walk from your specific cafeteria location to the football field. **STAY IN LINE!** After the processional, seniors should remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem. You will then sit until called up row by row to receive your diploma.

After you receive your diploma cover, return to your seat and **REMAIN STANDING UNTIL YOUR ROW IS FILLED!** Once your row is filled, you may all sit. The next row will then stand and come up to the stage.

DO NOT RUSH ACROSS THE STAGE
YOUR PICTURE IS BEING TAKEN TO RECORD THE MOMENT
YOU ARE BEING AWARDED YOUR DIPLOMA!

At the completion of the ceremony, Mr. McNeil will ask you to stand and to move your tassels to the left. You will then be pronounced graduated by the Principal. The recessional will be played, seniors and staff will march out to conclude the ceremony.

IN THE EVENT OF SEVERE INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 27th, at 5:00 p.m. You will receive a message from the school as early as possible in the event we need to postpone the ceremony.

AFTER COMMENCEMENT:

You may join your family members. **Diplomas will be distributed in the MAIN CAFE following the ceremony from approximately 6:00 - 6:45 p.m.** Caps and gowns are yours to keep.

SMOKING/VAPING POLICY:

In compliance with state law, the Smithtown School District is a non-smoking district. Smoking and/or vaping is **NOT** allowed anywhere on school grounds.

PARKING INFORMATION:

In order to secure a parking place on-site you must arrive early. Handicapped parking will be provided in the Woodlawn Avenue lot. Please bring a note and a copy of the state issued handicap pass to Mrs. Wetstein in Central Administration (382-2760) by June 23rd and you will be given a handicap pass. Please remember that the vehicle must have a state provided handicap permit to enter the Woodlawn lot on graduation day.

SEATING INFORMATION:

This year there will be **NO RESERVED SEATING**. Individuals **WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ACCESS THE FIELD TO OBTAIN SEATS UNTIL 3:00 p.m.** ALL ITEMS USED TO "RESERVE" SEATS PRIOR TO 3:00 p.m. WILL BE REMOVED. THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED! This is a joyous occasion to be enjoyed by all. Please be respectful of these requests. There is plenty of room for all to be seated. Each graduate will be clearly seen as they walk across the elevated stage.

ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS:

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Russo, Assistant Principal, at prusso02@smithtown.k12.ny.us