

**WINNER SCHOOL DISTRICT 59-2
OFFICIAL SCHOOL BOARD POLICY**



Winner High School Graduation Dress Code Policy

Graduation is a special day that requires special, more formal attire. WHS requires all graduates to follow the graduation dress code below:

- Clothing should be business casual in nature and not have excessive cloth or hoods that would impede the natural wear of the official graduation uniform
- Shorts should be avoided as they give the appearance of not having pants on
- Tennis shoes and flip flops are discouraged due to appearance
- High heels and wedges are discouraged due to steps required to cross stage

Official Graduation Uniform:

The graduation uniform consists of a cap and gown, stole & tassel selected by the graduation committee on an annual basis. This official uniform is purchased by each student through the approved sales representative. Medals and cords will be provided to the appropriate students by the school.

Approved WHS Honor Medals:

- High Honor medals are for students with a 3.75 cumulative GPA or higher
- Honor medals are for students with a 3.50-3.74 cumulative GPA

Approved WHS Graduation Cords:

- Yellow cords are for students who are active members of National Honor Society
- Red cords are for students who meet the United Blood Service Hero program criteria
- Red/White/Blue cords are for students who have enlisted in the Armed Forces/Military Academy
- Yellow/Blue Cords are for FFA students who have met the following criteria
 - Remain an active FFA member for 3 years including the senior year and
 - Advance to State FFA contest or earn State FFA Degree
- Red/White Cords are for FCCLA students who have met the following criteria
 - Remain an active FCCLA member for 3 years including the senior year and
 - Advance to State FCCLA contest or serve as State FCCLA officer
- Light Blue/White Cords are for Educators Rising students who have met the following criteria
 - Remain an active Educators Rising member for 2 years including the senior year and
 - Attend two out of town learning experiences
- White Cords are for HOSA (Healthcare Occupations Students of America) Students who have met the following criteria
 - Remain an active HOSA member for 3 years including the senior year and
 - Participate in State HOSA contests and attend the State Leadership Conference for 3 years or serve as a State HOSA officer

South Dakota Codified Law Awards:

- Eagle Feather Plume or beaded cap will be allowed for Native American Students as stated in codified law 13-1-66
- Sash/Stole or military decoration for students who enlist in armed forces as stated in codified law 13-1-66.1

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Decorating Graduation Cap

The graduation cap may be decorated by students who fill out the graduation cap decorating form and return it to the school office. It is agreed that the decoration of the graduation cap will be tasteful, respectful and follow the dress code policy of the school district. No profanity will be allowed. Anything which may convey a profane meaning in regards to sex, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or is derogatory toward race or religion is prohibited. Decorated caps deemed to be a distraction to the graduation event will not be allowed and replaced with a non-decorated cap prior to the ceremony at the discretion of school officials.