

Lakota East High School

2017 Senior Info



We have listed many of the major events and answered as many questions about your senior year as we can on the following pages.

GRADUATION 2017

Thursday, May 18th – 7:00 p.m. – Cintas Center, Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH

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Commencement Information

Commencement will be held on **Thursday, May 18th at 7:00 p.m.** The ceremony takes place at the Cintas Center on the campus of Xavier University.

No tickets are required for commencement. Students may invite as many people as they would like. There is no reserved seating – All seating is on a first come, first served basis.

Students must report to Cintas Center by 6:00 p.m. Parents, please – Graduates only in the staging area prior to the ceremony

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Commencement Cap and Gowns

Caps and gowns will be distributed Friday, April 28 during all lunches at the Main Campus.

STUDENTS MUST HAVE ALL SCHOOL FEES AND FINES PAID PRIOR TO RECEIVING THEIR CAP AND GOWN.

Students will rent their gowns for our ceremony. Doing so allows us to upgrade the quality of the gowns while maintaining costs and limiting the impact purchased gowns have on the environment. In order to receive their diploma after the graduation ceremony, students must return their gown to the appropriate station after the ceremony.

If a cap or gown does not fit, seniors should contact Graduate Service (272-5890) as soon as possible.

Because we are moving to better quality caps and gowns, all graduates must rent a cap and gown this year. Gowns used by older siblings will not work. Students are permitted to keep their cap and tassel following the ceremony.

Only honor cords or sashes for NHS, National Technical Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta may be worn on or around graduation attire. All students will receive a medallion when they arrive at Cintas Center to wear as part of the graduation apparel. **The cap and gown may not be altered in any other manner.**

It is strongly recommended that graduates do not bring purses or any other item to carry during the ceremony. Please let guests know that they should not bring wrapped gift packages into Cintas Center. Purses, bags, etc. are subject to search by Xavier Police.

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Commencement Requirements

All seniors and early graduates must have completed all academic and other requirements including, but not limited to all Ohio Graduation Tests, in order to participate in the Lakota East High School Commencement Ceremony. In addition, all fees/fines MUST be paid in order for a student to participate in Graduation.

A student who fails a second semester class that is needed to fulfill a graduation requirement **will not** be permitted to participate in the commencement ceremony, even if the credit can be made up in summer school. Participation in the Commencement Ceremony is reserved only for those students who have successfully completed **all** coursework and state testing requirements. *Transcripts must be completed and confirmed by Monday, May 15th.*

Other Requirements:

1. Any senior with a fee to pay, book to return, or any other financial obligation, must have it cleared by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, May 15th in order to participate in commencement. (Cash or money order only) *Checks cannot be accepted after May 1st.*
2. Seniors wishing to participate in commencement **must attend rehearsal in its entirety.** Rehearsal will be held on Tuesday, May 16th at 9:00 a.m. in the **Lakota East Gym.**

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Commencement Ceremony

The Lakota East High School Commencement Ceremony will be conducted with dignity and respect for the graduates who have worked so hard for this day. Graduates, parents and guests are reminded that commencement is a ceremony.

Participation in commencement is optional. Graduates wishing to participate in the ceremony must adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Males will wear black caps and gowns
2. Females will wear white caps and gowns
3. Males will need to wear a white shirt, dark slacks, dark socks and dark shoes. Jeans, shorts, tennis shoes and sandals are not permitted.
4. Females will need to wear white/light colored dress shoes. Shoes should be comfortable and ladies should be able to walk in them easily. Flip flops are NOT appropriate. The dress worn beneath the gown should not exceed the hemline of the gown. *NOTE: Females should plan to*

wear a white or light pastel dress under their gown. Clothing with a print will tend to bleed through the white gown and affect the quality of pictures.

5. Graduates will be seated, and diplomas distributed, in random order. Graduates will be able to share their seating location following rehearsal on May 16th.
6. Pictures may be taken from the seating area or designated photo areas only. No one will be permitted on the floor except graduates and commencement personnel.
7. Several photographs will be taken of each graduate including as he/she receives a diploma. Proofs will be available to parents shortly after the ceremony date and orders can be placed through the mail.

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End of the School Year Information

Seniors Last Day is tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 15th

Any senior who disrupts school prior to the end of the year will receive consequences in accordance with East disciplinary practices. **All** disciplinary consequences must be served prior to a student's participation in the commencement ceremony.

Any graduate choosing not to participate in commencement should let his/her counselor know immediately so that seating arrangements for the ceremony can be finalized. Diplomas for students not attending the ceremony may be picked up at the high school beginning Monday, May 22nd. **No diplomas will be issued prior to the ceremony on May 18th.**

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Senior Dates – 2017

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| May 3 | Top 25 Seniors Reception – 5:15 p.m. – East Main Campus |
| May 3 | Senior Academic Awards – 6:30 p.m. – East Main Campus |
| May 12 | Seniors Last Day of Classes (Tentative) |
| May 15 | Seniors Last Day – (Slideshow/Senior Picnic/etc.) |
| May 16 | Graduation Rehearsal – 9:00 a.m. – East Main Campus Gym - REQUIRED |
| May 18 | Graduation – Cintas Center – Xavier University – 7:00 p.m. |

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