



2021 Commencement
Saturday, May 22 @ 10 a.m.
Oklahoma State Capitol
Oklahoma City, OK

Congratulations to the 30th Graduating Class of the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics. Commencement is an important tradition to the life of OSSM, and this document provides you with information you will need to continue to make this a meaningful ceremony.

To assist with social distancing, each student will be given six (6) tickets for the event. No additional tickets will be given; however, students may exchange with others who may need additional tickets.

The following information details requirements/activities for each of the events up to and including the graduation ceremony.

Dress Rehearsal, Friday, May 21

Dress rehearsal begins in the auditorium at 2 p.m. It will conclude at 4 p.m. and include a walk to the capitol. Seniors will return to the residence hall by 4:15 p.m. This rehearsal is mandatory to participate in Commencement.

The cap toss photo will be taken during rehearsal. Please be sure to bring your cap and gown with you to the Capitol on Friday afternoon.

Senior Dinner: A senior dinner is planned for seniors on campus from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. This is a semi-formal dinner during which students are invited to relax and reflect on their time here at OSSM. Attire for this event is business casual.

Seniors are not required to attend this dinner.

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Attire for commencement ceremony is business attire. You will need comfortable shoes and clothing to navigate steps and risers.

The walk to the Capitol will begin at 9 a.m. from the east gate, which is located just north of the Manning Academic Center. The Capitol is located at 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK, 73105.

Families and guests should be seated in the venue no later than 9:45 a.m. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. We kindly request that guests respect the seating needs of persons with disabilities and/or accessibility challenges. Please limit Commencement programs to two per family.

The ceremony will be on the SOUTH side of the State Capitol. The procession will begin from the rotunda on the first floor of the Capitol building. Everyone will have to go through security. We will exit through the temporary entrance to the building. Be lined up at 9:45 a.m.

Please walk slowly during the processional to leave enough room between pairs for picture taking by parents.

We have hired a professional photographer who will take photos of each graduate receiving his or her diploma cover. We will also determine a location for the cap toss photos. Due to construction, the stairs on the south side of the Capitol building are closed.

Students may receive their diplomas in the Great Hall once their senior check-out list has been completed and submitted to Ms. Hiatt.

Check-out for seniors is from 7 to 8 a.m. or immediately following commencement. Do not leave campus until you have cleared the Residence Hall and received your diploma.