



OSSM Commencement Attire Policy

The purpose of the OSSM Commencement Ceremony is to formally recognize a significant academic accomplishment-the satisfaction of the OSSM graduation requirements, the most rigorous graduation requirements of any high school in America. All aspects of the Commencement Ceremony, including attire and accessories, align with this purpose.

OSSM requires all students participating in the Commencement Ceremony to wear the prescribed cap, tassel, and gown. In keeping with the purpose of the ceremony, no additional accessories such as cords, robes, medallions, or the like are allowed during the ceremony with the exception of tribal regalia.

Pursuant to Oklahoma law, tribal regalia may be worn during the Commencement Ceremony. Tribal regalia may include traditional garments, jewelry, other adornments such as an eagle feather, an eagle plume, a beaded cap, a stole, or similar objects of cultural and religious significance worn by members of a federally recognized Indian tribe or the tribe of another country. Tribal regalia does not include any firearm, knife, or other weapon. Tribal regalia does not include any object that is otherwise prohibited by federal law, except in compliance with an appropriate federal permit. Such tribal regalia may not endanger the safety of a student or others or interfere with graduation ceremonies if worn by a student.

Any further exception must be approved by the OSSM President prior to the day of Commencement.

The OSSM Commencement Ceremony begins with the processional onto the steps and stage and concludes with the recession off the stage and steps. After the ceremony has concluded, students are allowed to accessorize at their discretion.

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