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WHCS BULLETIN

Preparing for Graduation

At the beginning of the school year when registering your child be sure to indicate the grade level of your child. We will note those that are seniors and will be communicating later in the school year with these families on plans for graduation. The graduation ceremony is optional. For those attending the ceremony, special instructions are posted on the website. Please be sure to confirm your intention on attend the ceremony before April 15th. You may access the website to review the information on the previous years ceremony for more detail on what is involved. Whether attending the ceremony or not parent's must provide directly to the office the required transcript and standardized test results or other input as required. Special consideration must be given to college admissions requirements for those who will attend college.

The Way Home does not have a specific list of course requirements for graduation. We recommend following the Alabama Standard Diploma Requirements as your "minimum" guide for course selection (see our website link under Instructions for these requirements). We recommend you exceed these requirements for greater opportunities and potential merit scholarships. When planning your child's high school years you should be aware that the Alabama State College admissions policy follow the Alabama Standard Diploma requirements for admission. We have provided on the website various Graduating Senior Transcript forms to help you create a draft of a Graduating Senior transcript which should be submitted to our office during the senior year.

The Way Home policy for issuing a diploma is based upon each student's unique credentials. A standardized test is required for a diploma from Way Home unless after consultation with the parent this requirement is waived. It is advisable for all graduating seniors to take the ACT or SAT who might be college bound upon graduation or in the future. An ACT result of a 20 has been determined as "College Ready" for which students may begin to take degree program courses. Less than 20 may require a student to take placement testing and pre-requisite courses thus lengthening the duration and cost of the degree program.

In preparation for your child's graduation there are a few items that must be submitted prior to awarding the high school diploma. A student will typically graduate in May with a Traditional Academic Diploma provided the following diploma requirements are met.

1. A standardized test score from an exam such as a college entrance exam (ACT or SAT), a Stanford Achievement Test (Stanford), a California Achievement Test (CAT), or other test, is requested. Information on registering for any one of these tests is found on our website. The Stanford and CAT test must be an exam taken at the highest academic level completed by the student in the previous school year. For most students this will be the 11th grade. If your child is not able to test please consult with us to seek an alternative option for graduation.
2. A Graduating Senior's Official High School Transcript, completed for the period of enrollment with WHCS and including all credits earned from other schools, must be submitted in draft form by mid year. If any credits are being applied towards graduation from another school, a transcript from that school must also be provided with the draft transcript. Final grades must be provided prior to award of the diploma.

Special honors may be conferred upon your child at graduation. These honors are typically associated with academic accomplishment and/or distinguished service or accomplishment. Students who score 25 or higher on the ACT college admissions test or comparable score on another standardized test will receive an honors diploma from the school. This honor is distinguished at the graduation ceremony with a gold academic honors sash worn by the graduate. An Honors Diploma is issued for these graduates and determination of the Honors status is made by the Administrator after the required input is received. Parents may confer other honors upon their child for distinguished service or accomplishment for which another style of sash may be worn at the ceremony. Class ranking is established through the top 10 of the senior class. A Valedictorian and Salutatorian are selected based on Test and Transcript submissions.