



Cooper High School

2023 Last Week of School Senior Activities

Join Senior Remind: @cfbbekd493

Date	Activity	Time	Location
May 21	Abilene ISD Baccalaureate	2:00PM	First Baptist Church
May 22	Awards Practice (only recognized students will be notified/need to attend)	1:10PM	CHS Auditorium
May 23	Cooper Senior Awards Ceremony	10:30AM	CHS Auditorium
May 23	Senior Walk at Elementary Schools	2:00PM	Report to Elementary School attended
May 24	Senior Class Meeting	9:30AM	CHS Auditorium
May 24	Senior Picnic	11:00AM	YMCA of Abilene-Redbud Park
May 25	Graduation Practice	8:15AM	Shotwell Stadium
May 26	GRADUATION	8:00PM	Shotwell Stadium
May 27	Project Graduation	10:00PM	Abilene Convention Center

Senior Exams

Tuesday, May 16th-Receive Exemption Letters during 3rd period

Wednesday, May 17th- Exemption Letters due back to 3rd period teacher by 4:00PM

Friday, May 19th- Seniors take exams in 5th-8th periods (will follow regular schedule)

Monday, May 22nd- Seniors take exams in 1st-4th periods (will follow regular schedule)

Baccalaureate- May 21st

(Participation is voluntary but encouraged)

Baccalaureate Service- Sunday, May 21st @ 2:00 p.m.

Where: First Baptist Church, 1333 N 3rd St.

Report to the Youth Room at First Baptist by 1:15 p.m.

(Cooper personnel will be there to direct students)

What to Wear: Cap/gown with tassel on the right; cap parallel to the ground (NO attachments/decorations on cap or gown).

Men-collared shirt (tie would be nice), nice slacks or jeans, clean dress shoes or nice boots

Ladies-dress or dress pants, nice shoes (something you can walk in)

What NOT to Wear for ALL: Shorts, tennis shoes, flip flops, combat boots, Crocs....

If in doubt, DON'T!

Procedures:

- We will come from the Youth Room to the entrance of the sanctuary as a group to line up for the procession. Processional is slow. Teachers will be there to pace you. We will fill up each pew. You will stand for the Invocation and Benediction. **Men will remove caps both times.**

- After the Benediction you will be led out of the sanctuary in the same manner that you entered. Again, teachers will be there to help guide you. Be sure to clear out of the entrance to the church! Once you have exited the church, you are free to go see family and friends.
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Senior/C Awards Ceremony- May 23rd
(Only for students being recognized but seniors are invited)

Practice- May 22nd@1:10PM in the CHS Auditorium

- Students being recognized at the awards ceremony will receive notification to attend practice/ceremony.
- For students participating (you will receive a letter letting you know you will be honored), report to the auditorium at 1:10PM for practice. After practice, you will be dismissed back to class for the remainder of the day.
- Students not involved in practice will follow their regular schedule.

Senior/C Awards Ceremony- May 23rd @10:30AM in the CHS Auditorium

- Participants must wear cap and gown (see dress code at end of this document)
 - Report to the Auditorium to get in lines by 9:45AM
 - A reception for award recipients and their parents will follow in the LRC.
 - All seniors will sign in for attendance purposes by 9:45AM in the North Cafeteria.
 - All seniors are welcomed to attend and sit together in the auditorium (space will be reserved). Please wear your cap and gown.
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Elementary Campus Walkabouts- May 23rd

Where: The Abilene ISD Elementary School you attended

When: 2:00PM (be on time!)

- Wear your cap and gown.
 - Report to the front of the campus. School personnel will let you know what to do from there.
 - Please attend if you can! This is a fun event for the elementary and high school students.
 - Students must provide their own transportation to the elementary schools.
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Final Senior Class Meeting- May 24th

Where: CHS Auditorium

When: 9:30AM

All seniors must attend.

Senior Picnic- May 24th

Where: YMCA@ Redbud Park

Time: 11:00AM-2:00PM

- Students provide own transportation.
 - A bus will be in front of the auditorium at 10:30AM to transport students who need a ride to the YMCA. It will depart the YMCA at 2:00PM to return to Cooper.
 - Lunch is provided.
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Graduation Practice- May 25th

****Mandatory for all seniors who plan to walk at graduation****

Where: Shotwell Stadium

When: May 25th@8:15AM

- Enter through the South gates by the locker rooms.
 - Specific graduation information will be given at this time.
 - Walk thru graduation procedures/expectations.
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GRADUATION- May 26th

Where: Shotwell Stadium

When: May 26th@8:00PM (graduates arrive by 7:00PM)

Graduate Dress Code

All graduates must wear the standard cap and gown. The cap may not be decorated. Due to graduation being on an artificial turf field, heels may not be worn because they can damage the field. Graduates must follow the regular dress code concerning piercings. Facial piercings are limited to clear or small studs – no bull rings. Only approved or school awarded **graduation** items such as cords, stoles, and medals may be added to the standard regalia. Students will not be allowed to walk the stage wearing or carrying any non-approved items. Any non-approved items will be confiscated and returned after the ceremony.

Men-collared shirt (tie is fine but not required), nice slacks or jeans, clean shoes or boots

Ladies-dress or dress pants, nice shoes (no heels)

What NOT to Wear for ALL: Shorts, tennis shoes, flip flops, combat boots, Crocs....

Approved items

- Standard Cap
- Standard Gown
- Standard Tassel **AHS /CHS /ATEMS**
- Standard stole **AHS /CHS /ATEMS**
- NHS stole
- Top 25 medal **AHS /CHS /ATEMS**
- Gold **A** award medal / **C** award medal
- Cords earned through **AHS /CHS / Holland / ATEMS**

Prohibited items

- Cap decoration of any kind
 - Congratulatory stoles / cords / necklaces
 - Picture stoles
 - Military stoles
 - Flags or Flag stoles
 - Stethoscopes
 - Non-graduation medals
- Examples:** Band, Choir, ROTC, Art, Sports, etc.

- Be in line by 7:00PM.
- Jostens will be present at graduation to purchase any items you may be missing or need to replace.
- No airhorns, noisemakers, etc. allowed on the field.

Project Graduation- May 27th from 10:00PM-5:00AM

Who: AHS, CHS and ATEMS Graduates

When: May 27th from 10:00PM-5:00AM (No One Will Be Admitted After Midnight!)

Where: Abilene Convention Center

Things to take care of:

- Check all fines, lost books, and money owed. **You will not receive your diploma if you owe anything.**
- Return all school issued library books and textbooks.
- Check with attendance and make sure you have completed required Saturday Schools, Friday Night Lights, etc.
- Complete final transcript requests in registrar's office (if applicable).