



James Island Charter High School

2023 Graduation FAQ

Graduation Practice

- Is graduation practice required?
 - Yes, every candidate for graduation **MUST** attend graduation practice. If there is an issue, please contact your Assistant Principal for approval.
- What time is practice?
 - Graduation practice is on Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at **3:00 PM** at the North Charleston Coliseum. Graduates must arrive by **2:30 PM**.
- How will I enter the Coliseum?
 - Students report to the East entrance doors (see parking guide map, Skywalk)
- How long is practice?
 - Practice shouldn't take longer than approximately one hour and 15 minutes.
- Do I wear my cap and gown to practice?
 - No.

Before the ceremony

- What time should students arrive for graduation?
 - Students report to the East entrance doors (see parking guide map, Skywalk) wearing their cap and gown no later than **9:30 AM**. Plan to arrive early due to heavy traffic around the Coliseum on Saturday morning.
- What time may guests arrive?
 - Guests may arrive to park at the Coliseum at **10:00 AM**. However, the Coliseum will not open their doors to guests until **10:30 AM**. Guests will enter at either the North or South Entrance (see parking guide map)
- Will ceremony tickets or parking passes be issued?
 - No, there are no restrictions on the number of attendees or vehicles at the coliseum.
- Is there general seating for the ceremony?
 - Yes, seating is first come first served.
- Will there be handicap parking available?
 - Yes, there are handicap parking spaces available in each lot.
- What time will the graduation ceremony start?
 - The graduation ceremony will begin promptly at **11:30 AM**. We encourage all guests to be seated no later than **11:25 AM**.
- Are masks required for students and guests?
 - No, the North Charleston Coliseum does not require masks.
- Can bags/purses be brought into the Coliseum?
 - The Coliseum has a clear bag policy. No one will be allowed entry with a bag that is not clear. Noisemakers, airhorns, balloons etc. will not be allowed into the Coliseum.
- Who do I contact about issues with caps and gowns?
 - Jostens at lowcountrygrad.com
- Can we decorate our caps, gowns, and masks?
 - Yes. Must be school appropriate. No 3D designs or lights.

During the ceremony

- Will there be handicap seating available?
 - Yes. Handicap seating is available at the back of the Coliseum floor behind the graduates.
- Where do families enter if they need to use handicap seating?
 - Enter through the South Entrance. Just notify the usher that you need handicap seating.
- Can families sit together in the handicap seating?
 - Yes.
- Do we have to reserve handicapped seating?
 - No. We have plenty of space.
- Are noisemakers or balloons aloud inside the Coliseum?
 - No. Guests will not be allowed to enter the Coliseum with noisemakers, air horns, cowbells, ballons etc.
- Will the ceremony be livestreamed for online viewers?
 - Yes, graduation will be livestreamed and will be available for future viewing after the event. CCSD YouTube Channel, JICHHS Facebook, CCSD Website.
- Will there be pictures of the graduates receiving their diplomas?
 - Yes. Tumbleston Photography will be present taking close up pictures of students after they leave the stage. Please refer to the Tumbleston handout that has been emailed to parents or visit their [website](#).

After the ceremony

- What time will the ceremony end?
 - The graduation ceremony will end at approximately **1:00 PM**.
- Where will families be able to meet students after the ceremony?
 - Students will exit the Coliseum at the East entrance, where they came in. Families are encouraged to pre-plan a place to meet their students outside after the ceremony.

Tumbleston Photography

- How do I get pictures from the graduation ceremony?
 - Tumbleston will notify you when graduation pictures are posted. Visit their website listed above
 - If you pay in advance, you will receive 10% off once your photos are ready