



OSS Graduation Dress Code

- 1) Be sure that you try on your cap and gown as soon as you get it. You will need to take your gown out of its package and hang it on a hanger to let the wrinkles fall out of it.
- 2) DO NOT DIRECTLY IRON THE GOWN UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES! It will ruin the fabric.
- 3) Full graduation attire is expected for those of you who intend to participate in Ceremony.
- 4) Tassels are worn on the RIGHT side of the cap during the ceremony.
- 5) Graduation Cap and Gown decorations are NOT permitted.

Ladies:

- 1) **Dress**-We suggest you wear a dark dress. The dress may not extend beneath the length/hem of the gown and should not shorter than knee level.
- 2) If you choose to wear hosiery under your dress, please be sure to wear hose that compliment your skin tone. No hosiery that is distracting will be permitted (pink, green, purple, etc.).
- 3) **Shoes**- We expect a dark dress shoe. The shoe must be secured to the back of your foot or heel by a strap. No extremely high heels.
- 4) Jewelry should be kept to a minimum. No facial piercings, please.
- 5) Your cap should be worn so that it sits flat on the top of your head, not on the back of your head.
- 6) No Gum.

Gentlemen:

- 1) You must wear a **white dress shirt, a dark tie, dark dress pants, and dark dress shoes**. Anything light such as grey or khaki is not acceptable. Jeans, tennis shoes, hunting boots, Sperrys, Wallabies, sandals, bowling shoes, cowboy boots, hiking shoes, flip flops, etc. are not permitted.
- 2) **Ties** are a requirement for graduation. There is no exception to this requirement!
- 3) No obvious jewelry-earrings, necklaces, etc. NO facial piercings, please!
- 4) Your cap should be worn so that it sits flat on the top of your head, not on the back of your head
- 5) No Gum.

❖ Please note that appropriate dress is required in order to participate in the graduation ceremony. Since graduation is not mandatory, we expect you to dress and behave in the appropriate manner, or you may be removed from the ceremony. Many people have worked extremely hard to make this event a dignified and memorable experience in order to celebrate your accomplishments. Please do not diminish anyone's efforts by not dressing and behaving in the appropriate manner and please dress appropriately for the occasion.

Thank you and congratulations!