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ALGER B. WILKINS HIGH SCHOOL



CLASS OF 2026



FAILURE

IS NOT AN OPTION



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Congratulations on your senior year of high school and your upcoming graduation. Your dedication and hard work has brought you to this exciting time of your life, your high school graduation. We are proud of your accomplishments, and we look forward to celebrating with you in the coming days. In order to help you plan for the occasion, we have created this graduation handbook. The handbook includes important information, dates and traditions. Best wishes Warriors!

Dr. Martin

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IMPORTANT DATES

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DATE	EVENT
4/22/26	Last day for elective classes to be assigned
4/23/26	Senior Meeting at 6pm VIRTUAL
4/24/26	PROM (7pm-10pm)
4/28/26	FTCC Application Day 2pm-4pm. Must sign up for slot.
4/29/26	Career/College Fair at Wilkins
5/01/26	Senior Field Trip to Greensboro
5/14/26	Senior Breakfast/Awards/Graduation Rehearsal/Cap & Gown pick-up AT Wilkins
5/28/26	Graduation Rehearsal at the Crown Coliseum at 7:00am
6/3/26	GRADUATION DAY at the Crown Coliseum Students need to arrive at 6:30am!

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SENIOR MEETING DATES

December 4th 2025 @ 6pm
February 5th, 2026 @ 6pm
March 19th, 2026 @ 6pm
April 23rd, 2026 @ 6pm

Senior meetings are mandatory.

We will discuss events, graduation, etc. We will meet virtually at 6pm during each senior meeting.



Scan QR code to join meeting.



CORD AND STOLES

The only visible items permitted to be worn on the outside of the graduation gown must fall into one of the following categories:

-School Issued

- Blue "ABWHS" Stole
- VAL & SAL Stole
- Honors Cords (3.5 GPA or higher)
- Highest Average Cords (Spanish, CTE, English, Math, Science, and Social Studies)
- Volunteer Hours Cords (50 or more hours due 04/25/26)



GRADUATION DRESS CODE

Option 1: Black dress slacks, Solid black shoes (if with laces-black) and dark soles, black socks, white dress shirt, black neck tie

Option 2: Black dress or skirt following school policy of length and shoulder coverage, Black closed-toe dress shoes/sandals (no crocs/flip flops, sneakers, slides)

***No sunglasses, chewing gum, candy, purses or handbags!**

SENIOR DUES

COST: \$60

DUE BY 03/27/26

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CAP & GOWN **Cost: \$60**

Participation in the graduation ceremony is optional but highly encouraged. In order to participate students need to purchase a cap and gown. Payments can be made in the front office with a check or cash or online. A receipt will be provided.



Scan QR code to pay
for cap & gown or senior
dues online.

CAP & GOWN DISTRIBUTION

April 30, 2026
10am-3pm
at Alger B. Wilkins High School

CLASS RINGS

To explore your options for senior class rings, [visit the Alger B. Wilkins Class Ring Shop online by scanning the QR code.](#)



WILKINS APPAREL

Jostens has created some fantastic items for Wilkins students and staff! Be sure to check out The Mascot Shop for all your Wilkins apparel. [Visit The Mascot Shop today by scanning the QR code.](#)



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GRADUATION REHERSAL MEETING DATES (MANDATORY)

May 14th, 2026 @ 9am
at Alger B. Wilkins
(Dress Rehearsal/Senior
Awards/Senior Activity)

May 28th, 2026 @ 7:00am at
the Crown Coliseum

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT REHEARSAL DATES

Students who plan to participate in the commencement exercise **MUST** attend both graduation rehearsals.

Student **DO NOT** have to wear their graduation attire on May 14th 2026 for the rehearsal at Alger B. Wilkins.

Students need to wear their cap and gown on May 28th for the rehearsal held at the Crown Coliseum. Students should come in their full graduation attire (head to toe). LifeTouch will be on-site to take graduation pictures.

**Come with cap and gown in hand.*

TICKETS

Each student will receive 10 tickets for graduation.

Students can earn extra tickets by:

- Turning in your laptop by **May 8th**
- Finishing all course work by **May 8th**
- Donate 10 hygiene items by **May 8th**

***Each guest including babies need a ticket to attend graduation**

***Tickets will admit parents at 7am.**

MANDATORY SENIOR TASKS

→ Complete your senior exit meeting with Mrs. McArthur

→ Chromebooks and chargers are due back to the library by May 22nd

→ All fees and debts must be paid prior to graduation

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GRADUATION DATE

**June 3rd, 2026 @ 8am at
the Crown Coliseum**



BE ON TIME!!



**Graduates should arrive (by
6:30am) on graduation day!!**

**Parking information will be
provided when available.**

CROWN PARKING & GUEST INFORMATION

GUEST	GRADUATES
North Parking Lot	West Parking Lot



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PHOTOGRAPH AND VIDEOTAPES



Guest can bring cameras to take photos and video but camera bags are NOT permitted inside the Crown. Guest can take photos and videos with their cell phone from their seat.

LIVESTREAM GRADUATION

The commencement will be livestreamed online. Visit Alger B. Wilkins High School's web page to livestream our graduation.

IMPORTANT GRADUATION INFORMATION

- All graduates and guests will be screened by metal detectors before entering the building.
- Any senior that causes a disruption during the processional, ceremony, or recessional will be escorted from the ceremony.
- There will be no admittance to seats during the Processional and National Anthem.
- NO umbrellas, balloons, stuffed toys, flowers, wrapped or unwrapped gifts will be permitted (or other restricted items) inside the facility.
- Only clear bags/purses are allowed inside the venue, this includes purses. <http://www.crowncomplexnc.com/visit/venue-policies>
- At the end of the graduation ceremony the guests will be asked to remain seated and will be released by sections.
- Guests who choose to cause a disruption during the processional, ceremony, or recessional will be escorted from the ceremony.
- Schools may withhold diplomas for a period of time as determined by the Superintendent for misconduct during the graduation ceremony.

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COMMENCEMENT PROCEDURES



- Due to the dignity of the commencement ceremony, it is asked that ALL parents and guests of our graduates please refrain from cheering, clapping, yelling or displaying any other loud outburst of noise while student names are being called.
- Seniors must attend Graduation Practice if they plan to march at Commencement.
- March with shoulders straight. Sit and stand with good posture. Your tassel should hang over the right temple. Do not chew gum!
- Stage participants should march to the stage instead of entering their assigned row. You will march in from the same side at commencement as you do for graduation practice.
- There should be no talking during the ceremony. Talking is distracting to others and it detracts from the dignity of the occasion.
- Teachers will see that you have the correct spacing as you enter the auditorium. Try to keep this same distance between you and the person in front of you as you proceed.
- Remain standing until you are given a signal to sit. Watch carefully for all signals for standing and sitting so that you will be together.

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COMMENCEMENT PROCEDURES

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- Diplomas will be given alphabetically, one row at a time. All diploma jackets will be empty. If you have any unfulfilled obligations to the school or if your behavior during the ceremony is not exemplary, you must return to Alger B. Wilkins to take care of your responsibilities. If your diploma is held because of your behavior, you must make an appointment with the Principal.
- When it is time for diplomas to be awarded, a marshal will direct you to the stage. Wait until your name is called. Receive your diploma and proceed across the stage in a very dignified manner.
- Continue across the stage, leave the stage, move back to your row and your seat and remain standing until all members of your row have returned to their seats. The marshals will let you know when to sit. At the end of the ceremony, after the recessional, you will be directed to the holding area where the Graduation Coordinator and Counselor will have the insert for your diploma.
- Do not toss your cap into the air when the ceremony is over.
- If you choose not to march for commencement, you may receive your diploma at Alger B. Wilkins on by appointment. Please let the principal or the school counselor know if you plan not to march.

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WHO TO CONTACT

Principal

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Assistance with Graduation attire/items/funding:

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is participating in graduation mandatory?

-No, this is optional, but strongly encouraged at Wilkins. Let Ms. Elsberry know ASAP if you don't want to participate.

Can I decorate my cap?

-No, caps cannot be decorated.

Can I wear a charm on my tassel?

-No charms can be worn on your tassel.

What should I bring to graduation?

-Cap, gown, stole, tassel, other school issued regalia.
-NOTHING ELSE! (no phone, no purses)

Can I get any extra graduation tickets?

-You can earn tickets by finishing your classes early, turning in your laptop, turning in 10 uniform tops/bottoms or donating 10 hygiene items.

Can I get another tassel, cap, or stole prior to graduation?

-You can purchase these items on graduation day. Bring cash!

Are diaper bags allowed into the crown?

-Diaper bags are allowed into the crown.



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receive text notifications**

