

Graduation Agreement

To the Parents and Seniors of the Graduating Class of 2025:

Graduation is a FORMAL ceremony for graduates, parents, staff, and the Rockbridge County High School community.

To ensure that this is a truly memorable event for all concerned, we request that all members of the Senior Class who plan on attending and participating in the graduation exercises at VMI's Cameron Hall, on Thursday May 22, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m. (you are expected to be there at 5:00 p.m.), uphold the following expectations:

All seniors wishing to participate in the ceremony must have satisfied the academic requirements of Rockbridge County Public Schools and must have earned all credits needed for graduation to receive a diploma.

1. MANDATORY GRADUATION PRACTICE: To participate in the graduation ceremony, all seniors must attend and participate in the mandatory graduation practice, on Tuesday May 20, 2025 @ 2 p.m. at Cameron Hall. You will need to have your own transportation to Cameron Hall. **You will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony if you do not attend the practice.**

2. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS: All financial obligations (textbooks, library books, calculators, chromebooks, chargers, etc.) must be paid in full by May 20th. This obligation is MANDATORY in order to participate in the graduation ceremony.

3. All graduates will wear only the authorized graduation cap, gown, and tassels.

4. APPROPRIATE DRESS: All students are expected to wear attire appropriate to a formal ceremony. This may include dresses, skirts, dress pants, button-down shirts with ties, or blouses, as well as dress shoes. Remember that you will cross the entire length of a stage before deciding on heels or flat shoes. The following apparel is prohibited: flip-flops, work boots, tennis shoes, t-shirts and shorts.

5. GRADUATE BEHAVIOR: All graduates are to refrain from rowdiness, misconduct, distracting behavior, or disrespect for persons involved in the ceremony and to display good conduct before, during, and immediately following the ceremony. Placards, beach balls, Frisbees, noisemakers, or other distractions are not to be brought into the ceremony. Graduates involved in any misconduct during the ceremony will be asked to leave the ceremony immediately. It will then be necessary for those students to schedule a conference after May 22, 2025, with their parents and the principal in order to receive their diplomas.

6. VMI has a Clear Bag Policy for all Events held in Cameron Hall. A copy of this policy can be found [here](#).

7. PARENTS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS ETIQUETTE: Please keep in mind that this is a formal ceremony. Please remind your friends and family members to refrain from loud yelling and screaming or using air horns or other noise makers during the presentation of diplomas. This is an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for your son/daughter's name to be announced and heard in this formal setting. You may certainly applaud and recognize graduates as they enter and exit.

8. Handicap Accessible Parking is available on a first come, first served basis in the VMI parking garage. You must have a Handicap License Plate or State Issued Handicapped Placard in order to use the handicapped accessible parking. Larger vehicles will not fit inside the parking garage so please check vehicle size prior to graduation day.