

Countdown to Graduation

2025



<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Wednesday, May 21 st	8:00 am – 9:00 am	Cap Gown/Ticket Distribution	Small Gym
	9:30 am – 12:24 pm	Grad Walk	ES/MS
Thursday, May 22 nd	9:20 am-10:10 am	Senior Assembly	Big Gym
	10:15 am – 11:15 am	Senior Luncheon	Small Gym
	(Check your cap and gown carefully to be sure everything is there, and it fits. If there is a problem with your cap or gown, report the problem to Ms. Rosa Alvarez, Registrar.)		
	6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Senior Sunset	Football Field
Tuesday, May 27 th	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Senior Awards Ceremony	Atlantis Resort
Mon/Tues June 2 nd /3 rd	1:45 pm		7 th Period Final
June 4 th , 5 th , & 6 th	8:00 am – 11:45 am		Final Exams
Thursday, June 5 th	12:00 pm	Graduation Practice	Big Gym
Saturday, June 14th	12:30 pm – 2 pm	Graduation Ceremony	Lawlor Event Center

FINES/BOOKS

Please pay all fines, fees, and other debts owed to the school before May 22, 2025. If you are unable to come into the school to remit payment please email wlsullivan@washoeschool.net.

Parking: **Free parking in the Lawlor WEST STADIUM parking garage.** Disabled drop off is available at the front of Lawlor Events Center.

Entering Lawlor Events Center: School personnel will be present to search bags, backpacks, and students for items not allowed at the graduation ceremony, including but not limited to beach balls, noise makers and alcohol. **Students found in possession of these items will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.**

GRADUATION PRACTICE: All graduates MUST attend this rehearsal. No exceptions. The specific time of the rehearsal will be Thursday, June 5th at 12:00pm in the Big Gym. We will begin the practice as soon as all graduates are present so your promptness is important. We will practice the processional until the Class of 2025 gets it right. This may take one try or ten. That is up to the Class of 2025.

GRADUATION CEREMONY

Seating:

As a courtesy to all, each graduate's family may save no more than ten (10) ticket seats upon arrival at Lawlor Events Center. Seats may be saved until the start of the ceremony. At that time, any open seats may no longer be saved and are open to all.

Important Reminder About Graduation Tickets: Graduation is a meaningful milestone and a special time for our students, families, and school communities. To ensure a fair and positive experience for everyone, we want to remind all students and families that graduation tickets are not to be sold or posted online for resale.

The sale of graduation tickets — whether in person or through online platforms or social media — is strictly discouraged. Each ticket is provided for the purpose of allowing loved ones to attend and celebrate this important event, not for personal profit. If you have questions regarding tickets, please contact the school directly.

Demeanor of Spectators: It is expected that all spectators, parents, family and friends behave in an appropriate manner, respectful of the accomplishments of our fine graduates. Signs, air horns, and/or any other noisemakers are expressly forbidden. I would encourage you to cheer loudly for the graduate(s) you are there to recognize, but not engage in activities that distract from the recognition of all other graduates, speeches and performances.

Bag Policy: : The University of Nevada, Reno has a policy limiting the size and type of bag allowed for all events in an effort to provide a safer environment for the public and expedite entry into athletic venues

For more information: <https://www.unr.edu/lawlor/visit/bag-policy>

Families and guests will not be permitted beyond the upper concourse. Plan to meet your student outside the upper concourse after the ceremony. No food or drink will be allowed inside Lawlor.

***Disabled guests** may access through the South Entrance and use the elevator to the concourse level to find seating. Individuals with mobility impairment or adaptive devices will be allowed one guest to accompany them in the disabled seating area.

Guest Parking:

Guest Parking is designated in the West Stadium Garage

- All parking is free.
- Each graduate will receive three (3) free parking passes.
- Parking passes must be presented to enter the West Stadium garage.

Caps and Gowns: The tassel on the cap is worn over the left eye at the beginning of the ceremony. Jewelry, flowers, or additional adornment are not to be worn on the outside of your cap and gown. Only approved medals, sashes and cords may be worn outside of your cap and gown.

Cap and Gown colors are standard for all students. No clothing items that could be a potential disruption to the graduation ceremony by being lewd, obscene, dangerous, destructive will be allowed.

The District recognizes all cultures and ethnic groups as being important to our society and is committed to creating and fostering an educational environment that respects the cultural diversity of the various communities within the District. The District does not seek to restrict or ban a student's wearing of recognized religious clothing, with the exception of unprotected speech. Such items may be worn on the student's person but shall not interfere with or be a substantial disruption to the graduation ceremony.

Graduating seniors from WCSD will be able to decorate their mortarboards for their graduation ceremonies. This is an opportunity to express your pride, joy and gratitude in a way that is unique to you.

Of course, these decorations must also be appropriate and cannot be lewd, obscene, vulgar, profane, contain hate speech, promote violence, promote the use of illicit drugs or create a substantial disruption with the graduation ceremony or any other form of unprotected speech. I trust that you will adhere to these guidelines.

If you plan to throw your cap at the conclusion of the ceremony, make sure your name is on the inside of the cap.

Student Attire for Graduation: Graduation is a milestone event in your life, we encourage you to look nice while staying within the dress code. We highly recommend flat shoes.

Personal Items: Come to Lawlor Events Center prepared. Leave major personal items with family members. There will be no staff available in the dressing rooms to monitor personal belongings.

Diploma Covers: You will receive only a diploma cover during the ceremony. Diplomas will be issued right after the ceremony. If you do not pick your diploma up that day it will be available in the office at Galena High School.

After Graduation: Parents and Students will meet in front of the Joe Crowley Student Union building. Students will be exiting Lawlor immediately following the ceremony.

Honor Cords: Honor Cords have been purchased for you. They will be handed out at the Senior Luncheon. 5.0 Cords are handed out at graduation.

Graduation Photographs:

Bell Photo is the designated photographer for the 2025 WCSD commencement ceremonies. Photos must be taken prior to the ceremony in the Silver and Blue Room. No family photos will be taken in the designated photo room; parents are not permitted in the photo room or ready rooms.

Graduate Behavior: School personnel are assigned supervisory responsibilities to assist graduates before and during the ceremony. Should a student; be found to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol at the ceremony, be in possession of beach balls, noise makers, etc., or distract from the ceremony (including speeches, performances and the recognition of individual graduates), he/she will be denied the opportunity to participate in the exercises and will be removed from the graduation area. Diplomas will not be issued to these students. Diplomas may be issued to the parent(s) of these students upon appeal to the Superintendent (or Deputy Superintendent) of the Washoe County School District at a meeting requested by the parent(s) and held within 30 days after graduation.

Senior Pranks: Senior pranks have become destructive to our school in recent years. Therefore, the Washoe County School District has taken a strict position of no tolerance regarding Senior pranks. If you are caught taking part in these activities, you will be denied the opportunity to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Galena High School Graduation Live Stream Link: [Graduation Live Stream](#)

QR Code to Galena 5 Star PTO Senior Facebook page for extra graduation tickets:

