



Graduation Regalia and Distinction Guidelines (INS-G019)

Graduation Regalia

CMCSS recognizes that graduation is a significant rite of passage for our students and that many of them wish to celebrate by wearing certain regalia during commencement. In order to reduce variability at graduation ceremonies, administrators at both the district and school level agree that all CMCSS students will receive similar opportunities to celebrate the accomplishments of their high school careers, while also maintaining a set of standards befitting such a ceremony. CMCSS will enforce the following practices in regards to graduation regalia:

- The following cords or stoles may be worn:
 - Honors, Highest Honors, and CMCSS Academic Awards Recipient Cords
 - Ready Graduate Cords
 - Those earned through being a member of a nationally and CMCSS recognized academic honor society; such societies are distinguishable by having a minimum academic measure for acceptance such as a required GPA.
 - Those earned by completing a course of study as a member of one of the CMCSS High School Academies.
 - Those earned by having successfully completed JROTC for the duration of their high school career.
 - Those who are a military dependent of an active-duty member in any branches of the armed forces.
 - Those earned by successfully completing the Gold Standard of the CMCSS Work Ethic Distinction.
- The following sashes or stoles may be worn:
 - Those affiliated with the enlistment of a military service branch.
 - Those earned by completing the associate degree pathway at Middle College.
 - Those earned by completing all enrollment requirements in the AVID College and Career Readiness System.
- A volunteer pin recognizing students with 10 hours of community service for each semester of high school may also be worn, in compliance with State Board of Education policy.

For students wishing to showcase regalia not included as part of those listed above, those would be most appropriately celebrated at a senior awards night.

Graduating with Distinction

CMCSS students earning diplomas will be recognized on the graduation program as graduating with distinction by attaining an 85% cumulative average and completing at least one of the following:

- Complete a CTE course in which a student has earned an industry certification from the preferred tier on the TN Promoted student industry credential.
- Participate in at least one of the Governor's Schools
- Participate in one of the state's All State musical organizations
- Be selected as a National Merit Finalist or Semi-Finalist
- Attain a score of 31 or higher composite score on the ACT
- Attain a score of 3 or higher on at least two Advanced Placement exams
- Earn 12 or more semester hours of transcribed postsecondary credit