

Alton High School Graduation - Class of 2017

Friday, May 26, 2017 – 7:00 p.m. – AHS Gymnasium

Information for Graduates

- Arrive at AHS dressed appropriately for the ceremony. (Dress Code on separate page)
- Arrive between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m. – please be on time.
- Park in the front of the school and enter through the doors by the flag poles.
- Report to your classroom and check in with your teacher.
- Listen to instructions from your teacher and line up at the appropriate time.
- Follow the teacher as the class merges into the line with the other classes.
- Stay in the line as you move through the halls.
- Have picture taken with the diploma cover. You will hand a card to the photographer.
- Be patient in line as it will take a while for the photographers to take photos.
- The line will move into the Auditorium/Gymnasium lobby at 6:50.
- As you enter the gym, your teacher will stop at the doorway. Mrs. Franke will signal for your class to walk to him and you will march in with the class from the other doorway.
- When you get to your row, walk to the seat with your name on it.
- Remain standing until the class is directed to sit down together.
- Be respectful throughout the ceremony.
- When the time comes to go across the stage, follow the directions of the Junior Marshalls.
- When you get to the stage, make sure that you hear YOUR name before you start to walk across.
- You will shake hands with several people as you go across.
- Receive your diploma cover in your left hand as you shake hands with a board member.
- You will exit the stage from the front and return to your seat.
- Move your tassel to the left side as you return to your seat.
- Remove your tassel and put it in your pocket as a souvenir.
- When the time comes for the class to be presented to the alumni, you may throw your hat in the air – just throw it up a little bit, so that it comes right back to you. You will not be able to move out of the area of your seat to go and get it, so don't throw it too far. Your family will want you to have it for photos later.
- Follow the recessional out of the gym and back to the classroom that you were in before the ceremony.
- Pick up your items – including your diploma - from the teacher in your classroom before going to celebrate with classmates, family and friends.