

CAHSA Graduation Ceremony FAQ

REGALIA

This is my first graduate. Where can I find the cap and gown?

- Amazon has a lot of options. Here is an example of one- [Amazon.com: GraduationMall Matte Graduation Gown Cap Tassel Set 2025 for High School and Bachelor Maroon 57\(6'0"-6'2"\) : Clothing, Shoes & Jewelry](#)
- Here is another option. [Elevating Homeschool Graduations - HomeschoolDiploma.com](#)
- Some families can find gowns at area thrift stores.

What kind of gown or color should I get?

- There is no restriction on color. Most graduates choose black. Matte is preferred as it looks best in photos.

Can I decorate my cap?

- We do NOT allow decorations on the caps as our committee has planned a professional ceremony that has a cohesive look. If you choose to decorate for a photo shoot, please remove the decorations for the day of the ceremony or purchase an additional cap.

PHOTOS for registration

Help, I have an iPhone which uses HEIC for images?

- Go to **Settings > Camera**, then tap **Formats > Most Compatible**

Is there another way to make HEIC images into jpgs or jpegs?

- There are a lot of online tools, pick what is right for you. Here is an example of one- <https://heic.online/>

How do I know what size my photo is?

- Every system will be different, but you should be able to look at the properties in the photo.

What should I do if my photo is too small?

- There are several online tools to increase image size. Here is an example of one – [Free Photo Enhancer - Increase Image Quality & Resolution | Fotor](#)

I can't pick 7 photos!

- We understand. It is hard going through photos. Whether this is your first graduate or last, all those memories are fun to relive! This is why we recommend going through them earlier in the school year. You can do it! 😊

What are other photo tips?

- Pictures of just the graduate work best in the slide show as he/she is the focus that day.
- It is tempting to put all of the senior or recent photos in the slide show, but it really is more fun to see the video of the kids growing through the years.

Parent Presentation at ceremony

How long are we allowed for the Parent Presentation?

- The Parent Presentation of the diploma is limited to 1-2 minutes. It's important you practice to stay within the time limits.

What does the Parent Presentation consist of?

- The Parent Presentation is special because you get to make it uniquely personal to your student and your family. Some parents tell stories, some give encouragement to the student for their next steps, some are funny and some are tear jerkers, for some both parents speak and for others one parent is the spokesperson.

SEATING at ceremony

How many people can I invite to the ceremony?

- The sanctuary can fit 900 people tight, so we do not have a current limit on invites. BUT we would like the graduate's parents to be towards the front pews so they have easier access to the stage to issue their diplomas. For this reason, each graduate family will have one pew up front which will fit about 8-10 people. Any additional family/friends can sit further back or to the sides.

Which pew will I have?

- At the rehearsal we will let each family know which side of the sanctuary they should sit on and which row of pews they will be in. Then on the day of graduation, pews will be first come first serve.

DISPLAY at Graduation

What size are the tables at Calvary Baptist Church?

- They are 8-foot-long rectangular tables. You will need to provide your own table covering and an extension cord if you are wanting power at your table.

I really want to be next to my best friend!

- Please arrive on-time to pick your table placement. Tables are first come, first serve.

Will there be someone to watch my table during the ceremony?

- Due to the difficulty of finding volunteers, we will not have someone with the tables. If you have something of value that you are concerned about, please bring it to the sanctuary with your family or put it in your car during the ceremony.

Do you have an example of what people do for their display?

- Yes, here are a couple photos through the years.



