



Important Information for Seniors

- Senior Awards Night is **May 20th** at 6pm. All are welcome to attend, however, invitations will be sent only to the students who are receiving an award or scholarship. The invitations will be sent via Parent Square to all recipients. If you do not receive an invite and you believe there is an error, please contact Eliana Toledo.
- Graduation Practice and Central Legacy Walk is on **May 22nd**. **Rehearsal is mandatory** for all students who plan on participating in the ceremony. Graduates will ride the bus to and from the NIU Convocation Center. *Tickets* will be distributed before students leave.
 - o All students need a permission slip submitted by a parent or a guardian. (Available in Skyward Parent Portal)
 - o Arrive at CHS by 8:00 am on MAY 22nd for rehearsal (Meet in the Field House)
- All Central High School graduation requirements must be met in order to participate in the graduation ceremony. No exceptions will be made. Please remember that all obligations and FEES MUST BE PAID PRIOR to a student participating in the ceremony.
- Graduation Ceremony will be held on **May 23, 2025 at 7:00pm** at the **NIU Convocation Center**, 1525 W. Lincoln Hwy, DeKalb, IL 60115.
 - o Students will enter through Door 5. The parking lot and door will open at 5pm.
 - o Families will enter through Door 2. The parking lot and door will open at 6pm.
- Proper attire is dark dress shoes (no athletic-type shoes), dark dress socks, long dress pants (no jeans), a dress shirt with a collar, and a tie; or dress shoes, skirt/dress pants and top, or a dress. Gowns may not be altered in any way. All phones, purses, wallets and any other personal items should remain in your vehicle or in the hands of your guests. All graduates need to have their cap, gown, tassel and any cords, stole, or medals that they received.
- Proper conduct and behavior are required through the rest of the school year, at the graduation practice, awards night, and graduation ceremony. We encourage our seniors to continue their positive conduct through the remainder of the year so that all can enjoy the celebrations we have planned.
- A professional photographer will take a picture of each graduate, which will be available to purchase. In order to ensure a smooth and enjoyable commencement for all of our guests, we ask that parents remain in their seats throughout the ceremony so that everyone can see the ceremony clearly.
 - o To register go to <https://www.empirephotos.com/BurlingtonCHS92>
 - o FREE PROOFS with no obligation to purchase will be sent to you after the ceremony.
 - o All information will only be used to get you the Grad photos.
 - o They do not sell or spam any information.
- *New this year*, we will have a vendor selling flowers and gifts for your graduates. Use this link <https://www.thecommentcementgroup.com/burlingtoncentral/> to view the options or to pre order.
 - o Pre Orders will be ready for pick up at NIU where you enter the facility.



- Convocation Center General Information
 - o All guests 2 years and up must have a ticket.
 - o Guests, Graduates, Faculty & Staff may bring in (1) unopened 20 oz. or smaller bottles of water into the Convocation Center.
 - o All guests should refrain from bringing in any other outside beverages (including Starbucks, Dunkin', and other coffee brands)
 - o A clear bag policy has been instituted and is being enforced at the Convocation Center, the following are permitted:
 - Bags that are clear and do not exceed 12" x 12" x 6".
 - Small purses which do not exceed 5.5" x 8.5" and no more than 2" thick.
 - An exception will be made for medically necessary items after proper inspection at the door.
 - o Prohibited Items:
 - Purses, diaper bags, laptop bags, camera bags, backpacks, duffels, and fanny packs (see clear bag policy)
 - Wrapped gifts and gift bags
 - Helium Balloons
 - Glass vases or glass containers
 - Laser pointers of any kind
 - Coolers, bottles, cans, containers, or projectiles
 - Weapons, flammables, or other potentially dangerous items
 - Aerosol containers or any pressurized container
 - Horns, noisemakers, or whistles
 - Any illegal substances
 - Posters, banners, or signs on sticks
 - Golf Umbrellas
 - Tripods, monopods, & selfie sticks
 - Outside food & beverages (including Starbucks, Dunkin', and other coffee brands)
 - Strollers are not permitted in the arena.
- After the ceremony, **graduates must pick up their diplomas IMMEDIATELY** in the Contest Gym at the Convocation Center where they lined up prior to the ceremony.
 - o Go to the alpha table matching the letter of the last name.
 - o There will be staff available to assist graduates with this.
 - o Graduates may keep your cap, tassel, and gown.

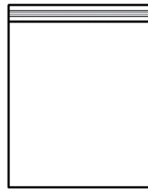
Please see the following images to help you start acclimating yourself to the NIU Convocation Center setting.

CLEAR BAG POLICY

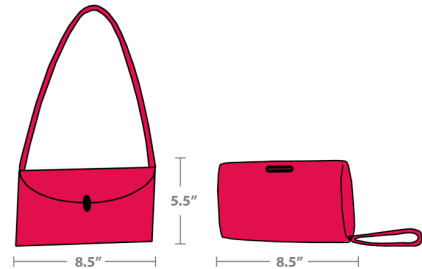


CLEAR TOTE
MUST NOT EXCEED 12"x12"x6"

APPROVED WITH INSPECTION

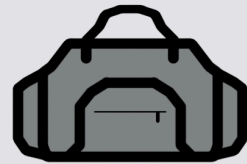


PLASTIC BAG
GALLON, CLEAR



CLUTCH PURSE
MUST NOT EXCEED 5.5" x 8.5"

PROHIBITED



BACKPACKS, CLEAR BACKPACKS, COMPUTER BAGS, COOLERS, DUFFEL BAGS, FANNY PACKS, CLEAR FANNY PACKS, PURSES LARGER THAN CLUTCH OR ANY BAG LARGER THAN THE PERMISSIBLE SIZE. ALL BAGS ARE SUBJECT TO INSPECTION.



See below for a sample ticket.
Your ticket will have a seat number on it, however, it is first come first served. Doors open at 6pm. The arena seating chart is also below for your reference.

