

Cabot Graduation 2026

Cabot Panther Arena on the campus of Cabot High School

May 16, 2026

Congratulations!



On July 4, the good 'ol U.S.A. will celebrate its 250th birthday!. Before that happens, we get to celebrate the Cabot High School Class of 2026 as they finish their high school career and set sail on new, exciting adventures!

Graduation is once again returning to beautiful Panther Arena on our campus. Please read this newsletter very carefully. You will find informa-

tion regarding important dates, your participation in the graduation practice, Line 89 to be held on Friday morning, and your graduation ceremony on Saturday.

Graduation Practice

All seniors planning to attend the graduation ceremony **MUST** attend graduation practice on Friday morning, May 15. You should plan to be in the Cabot High School Arena no later than 7:50 a.m. Park in your regular parking spot and come directly to the Arena. You may not stay on campus after practice ends. School dress code applies.

After brief announcements, you will be dismissed alphabetically to board buses that will leave for Line 89. The buses will finish the Line 89 loop around Cabot and come back to the front of the auditorium. Your bus captain will dismiss you from the bus to come into the auditorium for practice. After everyone is seated in the auditorium, there will be announcements and presentations. Plan to listen and participate respectfully. You will then be dismissed from the auditorium to go into the Arena where you will see a demonstration of how you will process across the stage to get your diploma. After final announcements, you will be dismissed for the day. Plan to be on campus until noon.

Important Information

Clear up all fines you owe before your last day of classes. Turn in all textbooks you were issued. You will not be able to walk at graduation until all discipline issues are resolved at CHS. You will not be able to get your diploma until all fines are paid in full. It is also recommended that you forward and save anything important from your school email as you will lose access to your account after graduation.

Diplomas will **not** be distributed to you on graduation day. Your diploma may be picked up beginning Tuesday morning, May 19, at 8:30 a.m. at the high school office. You may only pick up your own diploma. If someone else is picking up your diploma, they must be on your emergency contact list.

Beginning May 8, you are no longer allowed on campus unless you have to take a test. You must check in at the office should you have to return, excluding graduation practice and Life Impact Diplomas. Returning to campus to visit, have lunch with friends, visiting your girl/boyfriends, etc., will not be allowed. You were given the privilege of being allowed to get out of school a week prior to graduation. Please don't mess up your chances of graduating by not following these guidelines.



“You’re off to great places. Today is your day. Your mountain is waiting. So get on your way.”

~Dr. Seuss



Graduation Ceremony Logistics

Cabot graduation will be held in three ceremonies on May 16. Ceremony assignments can be found in the Class of 2026 Google Classroom. At graduation practice, you will receive **eight (8) tickets** for family and friends to use to attend your ceremony in Panther Arena. The tickets will be color coded to match your assigned session. You are welcome to bring as many friends and family as you would like to watch the ceremony live streamed on the big screen in the CHS auditorium. After your ceremony, weather permitting, you will be able to gather with family and friends in the courtyard of the high school to visit and take pictures. In the event of inclement weather, you will be able to gather in the cafeteria area.

Ceremony 1:

Doors open at **9:00 a.m.** for graduates and spectators. Students will receive specific instruction during graduation practice on Friday. - **10:00 a.m. ceremony begins**

Ceremony 2:

Doors open at **1:00 p.m.** for graduates and spectators. Students will receive specific instruction during graduation practice on Friday. - **2:00 p.m. ceremony begins**

Ceremony 3:

Doors open at **4:00 p.m.** for graduates and spectators. Students will receive specific instruction during graduation practice on Friday. - **5:00 p.m. ceremony begins**

Who Needs A Ticket?

All patrons entering the arena require a ticket, with the exception of a TRUE lap infant.

Dress Code Requirements

Graduation Practice:

Regular school dress code applies to graduation practice on May 15.

Graduation Ceremony:

Students are to wear only caps and gowns approved by CHS administration. Graduation attire is to be worn as it is designated to be worn (caps on top of the head, robes zipped, etc.) Nothing other than **school-issued** stoles, cords and medallions are to be worn with caps and gowns. *Please see the inserted page for the adornment policy.*



Student attire under the gown - we want you to look nice for your graduation. But, we also want you to be comfortable. Slacks, dresses, skirts, and dress pants are all acceptable. A collared shirt with tie is appropriate for guys. Shoes should be practical. Heels might not be a good choice. Be smart.

Prohibited items include - flip flops, jeans with holes, shorts, t-shirts, athletic apparel. Decorated caps or gowns are prohibited and will not be allowed. ***This is not an exhaustive list. Cabot High School reserves the right to prohibit any clothing that is deemed not appropriate for this ceremony. If you have questions, please see the graduation coordinator BEFORE graduation day.***

*** If you order a gown from an online site and it does not match the color of Cabot High School gowns, you will not be allowed to wear it.

Parking, Entering & Security

All parking lots surrounding Cabot High School, Central Administrative Office, Freshman Academy, Junior High North, and Victory Baptist Church will be open for parking on graduation day. Please observe any specific areas that might be barricaded or reserved.

All patrons will enter through the main doors beside the Panther Wall. Graduates will enter through the art wing doors closest to the football field. Specific instructions will be given at graduation practice.

Cabot Public Schools Police Department will be enforcing specific guidelines for the CHS campus and Panther Arena during Graduation 2026. Please familiarize yourself and all of your guests with the guidelines indicated on the inserted page. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Calvert.

Smile!



A photographer from Lifetouch will take a picture of each graduate receiving his/her diploma and a fun picture when they exit the stage. Information about ordering pictures will be provided at graduation practice.

CHTV will livestream the graduation ceremony on the Cabot High School Television YouTube channel. The video will be posted to the channel after the event. www.youtube.com/@cabothighschooltelevision

Hearing Interpreters

Interpreters will be available for patrons utilizing their services. Please see the ushers upon entry to the arena for directions on which section you should sit in.



Special Considerations

There will be reserved seating on the arena floor for patrons using a wheelchair or a walker. Upon entry, ushers will escort you to the assigned area. One family member may accompany and sit with this patron.



You are receiving this newsletter as a potential graduate of Cabot High School. All graduation requirements must be completed prior to your participation in the graduation ceremony.

Important Dates

April 25, 2026

CHS Prom
8:00 p.m. - midnight
CHS Cafeteria
After-Prom Following

April 28, 2026

Doughnuts with Dads
7:00 - 8:30 a.m.
CHS Cafeteria

April 29, 2026

Muffins with Moms
7:00 - 8:30 a.m.
CHS Cafeteria

May 7, 2026

Seniors Last Day of School

Senior Celebration of Excellence

By Invitation Only

6:00 p.m.
CHS Arena

May 12, 2026

Elementary School Walk
9:00 a.m.

All Cabot Elementary Schools
Seniors will register in Google Classroom

May 14, 2026

Life Impact Diplomas
See Mrs. Shinn or Mrs. Hill with questions.

May 15, 2026

Graduation Practice
7:50 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Report to CHS Arena

May 16, 2026

CHS Graduation
Panther Arena

May 20, 2025

8:30 a.m.
You may pick up your diploma at the high school office.



Cabot High School Regalia and Adornment Policy - 2026



Students participating in the commencement ceremony at Cabot High School will wear a graduation robe and cap authorized by the school. Josten's is the authorized provider for Cabot High School. Any gown/cap not made by Josten's must be of the same material and the same color. No adornments may be added to the cap or gown except those specifically mentioned below.

The purpose of adornments worn with the graduation gown are to recognize certain special achievements. At Cabot High School, cords and stoles are presented to students to recognize accomplishments made at Cabot High School. Students may not wear anything on their gown or cap with the following exceptions:

Stoles may only be worn for **academic achievement**. The only stoles allowed are listed below. Stoles will be distributed to students at graduation practice. Cabot High School awards three stoles to recognize the following:

Distinguished Honors (GPA higher than 4.0 – Honors Program Curriculum and successfully

completed two (2) or more AP/Concurrent Courses beyond the required Jr. and Sr. English.) - **Gold stole**

High Honors (GPA of 3.76 – 4.00 and Honors Program Curriculum and completed one (1) additional AP/Concurrent Course beyond the required Jr. and Sr. English.) - **Silver stole**

Honors (GPA of 3.5 – or above and Honors Program Curriculum.) - **White stole**

An additional academic stole is recognized for membership in the National Honor Society – **Carolina Blue Pendant Stole**

Medals may only be worn for **academic or all-state level achievement**. Cabot High School recognizes the following medals that may be awarded:

Cabot High School Academic Excellence - CHS Gold Medallion

Agriculture Academic Honors - Medal on blue/gold ribbon

Arkansas All-State Band/Choir Honors - Medal on red/black ribbon

Arkansas Biliteracy Honors - Medal on blue ribbon

National Technical Honor Society - Medal on purple ribbon

Cords/Ribbons may be worn to recognize achievements **related to Cabot High School**. Cabot High School recognizes the following cords/ribbons:

AP Academy completer - purple/gold cord

Art Honor Society - rainbow cord

Band/Choir Honors - black/red cord

Boys & Girls State Delegate – red/white/blue intertwined cord

CHS Athlete & Activity Honors – red/white cord

Concurrent College Honors – light blue/silver intertwined cord

CTE Program Completer - blue/gold cord

Engineering Honors - orange cord

International Thespian Honor Society - turquoise/black/silver cord

Journalism Honor Society - blue/gold intertwined cord

Junior Civitan - royal/gold intertwined cord

Key Club - navy cord

Medical Professions Honors - green cord

Mu Alpha Theta Honor Society - light blue/gold cord

National English Honor Society - navy/gold cord

National Merit Semifinalist - silver/black cord

National Science Honor Society - green/purple cord

National Speech & Debate Association Honors - silver/burgundy cord

P.A.C.E.S. - silver cord

Social Studies Honor Society – forest green/white intertwined cord

Spanish Honor Society - red/gold cord

STEM Honor Society – blue/green/silver intertwined cord

Student Council - red/white intertwined cord





Quick Facts

- * A clear-bag policy is enforced (see graphic)
- * All patrons entering the ticketed area are subject to search by Cabot Public Schools Police Department.
- * Concealed carry is prohibited even with a permit/enhanced permit (see full list of prohibited items below)
- * No pocket knives (see full list of prohibited items below)
- * Arrive early to avoid congestion at entry



Prohibited Items

The following items are expressly prohibited inside ticketed areas:

- Metal, plastic or glass containers of any kind (**except for** clear, empty plastic water bottles no larger than 20 ounces, insulin containers, and baby food)
- All tobacco products, including e-cigarettes
- Coolers or ice chests
- Backpacks and bags
- Weapons, pepper spray/mace, flares, fireworks, knives/pocket knives
- Animals (except registered service animals)
- Beach balls and other inflatable items
- Laser pens and laser pointers
- Alcohol
- Skateboards, hover boards, and wheeled footwear
- Drones and other unmanned aerial vehicles
- Toy guns or toy knives (including, without limitation, water guns)
- Pamphlets, product samples
- Skateboards, rollerblades, bicycles, helmets, chairs, beach balls, Frisbees, streamers, confetti
- Laptop/tablet computers, 2-way radios, laser pointers, flashlights
- Balloons, permanent markers, spray paint
- Noise making devices, air horns, drums, whistles
- Bags (backpacks, large bags, suitcases, luggage)
- Bags/Purses larger than 12" x 12" x 6"
- Signs/flags/banners

Violators of any laws will be refused admission, asked to leave or ejected from the ticketed areas.

“Line 89 ~ Looping Cabot!”



The Line 89 tradition continues! On Friday morning, May 15, the Class of 2026 will board buses to Loop Cabot one last time! We invite the public to join us as we “Line 89” in support of our seniors. Buses will leave CHAMPS Hall at 8:30 a.m. and make a loop of the high school campus before

heading south on Hwy. 89. The looping route will pass: CAO, Cabot High School, Freshman Academy, Junior High North, Central Elementary, Junior High South, Southside Elementary, Cabot Panther Academy (ACE), Westside Elementary, Cabot City Hall, and Middle School North. We would like to invite everyone to join us as we send our seniors off and show them how much our community celebrates their success.

Buses will exit CHAMPS Hall and turn left onto Pine St./Hwy. 89

Turn left onto Lillie St.

Turn left onto Bellamy St.

Turn left onto North Lincoln St.

Turn left onto Pine St./Hwy. 89

Turn right onto Hwy. 321 W. to US 67/167

Turn right onto South 2nd St. and go all the way to Hwy. 38 (Circle K)

Turn right to go over overpass and turn right onto North Lincoln St. to return to the High School.

