

Richmond Academy
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Grade 12 Parent Primer

My child is in grade 12...he's graduating, right?

- Sure (hope springs eternal, right?)
 - Students who did not have 10 credits as of June 2016 are not eligible to graduate in 2016.
 - This year, if a student is registered in a grade 12 homeroom, they are eligible to graduate.
 - Contact Guidance if you are unsure.

So long as they have 10 courses, they CAN graduate, right?

- Yes, they can.
- Guidance and administration are required to place students on track to graduate on time, even if that means they have to take courses they don't want.

So long as they have 10 credits, they WILL graduate, right??

- Not necessarily
 - Students who do not pass all their courses in the first semester may no longer be eligible to graduate in June.
 - Administration and/or guidance will be in touch with families when this happens.
 - Students who do not pass all the required courses in June will not graduate (more on this later).

What kinds of things should grade 12 parents be aware of?

- Aside from the information on Post-Secondary, there are two main things to consider as parents of potential graduates
 - **Schedule of Events for Grad Week**
 - **Costs of being a graduating student**

Events Prior to June

What	When and How Much
Grad Hoodies	Before Christmas: usually about \$45.00
Yearbook	To be determined: Usually \$20 or so, will be collected before Christmas
Grad Gown Rental for June convocation	Different from borrowing for photos: this is a \$25 fee that the company charges and is NON-REFUNDABLE
Prom Outfit	On your own
Grad Photos (Presentation by photographer)	Two days of Photos here at RECA <u>Nov. 25</u> : Sitting fee, fancy set up, lots of proofs: Gets used for yearbook as well, but you would select this if you'd like our company to do your grad photos <u>Nov. 26</u> : No fee, no fancy set up: Only for yearbook or low end pics (getting grad pictures elsewhere)
Borrowing Gowns for Grad Pictures	If you're going to get grad photos elsewhere, you'll need one of our gowns, which we LEND for \$30. We GIVE YOU BACK the money when we get the gown back!

(Tentative) Schedule of events in June

- Friday, June 9, 2017
 - Safe Grad activities at the school
 - We used to do safe grad after prom, but we made changes due to challenges with chaperoning and a view that it is okay to drink at safe-grad
 - RCMP patrol the Safe-Grad and Prom events to ensure no one is drinking and driving (as much as they can)

(Tentative) Schedule of events in June (continued)

- **Monday, June 26, 2017**
 - Pictures at School – Open to the public around 3:00 pm
 - Grad March –7:30 pm
 - Three guests only – no tickets: grads and guests walk in together. NO additional guests under any circumstances
 - Prom – Follows Grad March around 8:30 pm – over by 10:30 to 11 pm
 - No organized dinner, grads can select their own Pre-Grad March events with or without family

(Tentative) Schedule of events in June (continued)

- **Tuesday, June 27, 2017**
 - Very little for Grads, except that we post grad list at 1 pm so students will know if they graduate (those who won't are contacted by phone earlier that day)
 - We also hold practice for graduation at 1:15 pm
 - Students can pick up grad gowns to take pictures with family before graduation ceremony next day

(Tentative) Schedule of events in June (continued)

- **Wednesday, June 28, 2017**
 - Grad Social –from 5:30 to 6:30 pm
 - Catered and decorated in the gym allowing photos to be taken with families and “like my family” groups.
 - Graduation – around 7:00 pm
 - Three tickets with process for additional tickets OR
 - Four tickets with no options for additional tickets
 - This will be determined before April of 2017
 - Parents should not count on additional tickets at this time

Costs: What should you budget for?

Hoodie	\$45 or \$50	November
Yearbook	\$20	December
Grad Photos	Varies	On your own
Prom outfit	Probably too much	On your own
Grad Gown Rental	\$25 (for June Ceremony)	April
Safe Grad Event	TBD, can fundraise	May or June
Safe Grad Shirt	\$20 ish	May or June
Dinner on Prom night	Varies	On your own
Prom	\$15 per person	Tickets in late May
Grad Social	Probably \$12	Tickets in May or June
(Grad ceremony and Grad March events are ticket only events, but free)		

How will I know what is going on?

- Information is posted on our website regularly
- An information package is sent home with students and a full hour is spent going over things on that package with students
- Some things are sent home to parents/guardians, others remain a student responsibility
 - Three months away from living away from home
 - Student voice is important to us