



Classical High School, a demanding college preparatory examination school, serves a diverse community and provides its students with the means to achieve high standards in rigorous learning environment. Classical encourages its students to pursue academic, athletic, artistic and personal growth so that they will experience success in colleges and universities, and will demonstrate excellence and leadership within the community.

Graduation Procedures Class of 2023

A. VMA Baggage Policy

Balloons, Large bags, Backpacks, Luggage, Food and Drink are strictly prohibited. All guests are subject to search at the discretion of the Management. Also, the VMA will not provide storage or holding for any confiscated or prohibited items.

B. Parking

Available

- Parking at Mall is Strongly Advised
- Option 1: Main Garage enter at Park Street via Promenade Street
- Option 2: Main Garage enter at Hayes Street (behind the VETS) via Francis or Gaspee Streets
- Providence Place Mall garages – 0-2 hours is free, 2-5 hours \$2

Not Available

- State of Rhode Island lots on Smith Street
- Rhode Island Credit Union lot on Park Street
- Street parking on the side of VMA, along Park Street
- Avoid State House area due to construction and partial closure of Smith Street and Promenade

C. Assemble

- Arrive at VMA at 3:00 pm outside of auditorium main entrance
- Each set of 12 students will be entering alternate rows.
- Remember the individual in front and in back of you
- In case of rain- assemble downstairs in large foyer directly under main lobby – take left staircase assemble in single file according to the class list – first couple closest to stairs coming up.

D. Procession

- You must enter the auditorium in your assigned rows.
- Match your pace with your partner in the opposite aisle.

E. Seating

- All graduates will sit in the center-leave row A (1st row) vacant.
- There are 12 seats per row-all rows are numbered the same (101-112) then 13 after that.
- You must know the name of the person in front of you so you know when to enter your row.
- Leave a vacant space for a student not present.

F. Receiving Diplomas

- Entire 1st row of graduates will stand and proceed to right stage stairs and stand until your name is called to receive diplomas. A guide will assist students up and down the stairs, all other rows remain seated.
- When the tenth member (3 seats still vacant) of preceding row returns from the state, the second (next) entire row stands and then proceeds to the right stage and waits for his/her name to be called.
- Remember that this is a formal ceremony. A blank diploma will be awarded for inappropriate behavior.

G. Recession – Exit single file using both aisles 2 and 3.

- The 1st row (row B), 3rd (row D), 5th (row F) etc. will exit by aisle 2
- The 2nd row (row C), 4th (row E), 6th (row G) etc. will exit by aisle 3