

UPDATED QSS GRAD 2026 – GRAD GUIDE

Dear Parents and Graduating Students,

We are approaching some VERY exciting times. We are very much looking forward to celebrating our graduating students and the culmination of their schooling journey to date.

Here is all the information that you will need to plan for QSS Grad 2026!

“Green To Go” For Grad

To participate in the convocation ceremony, graduates need to complete all items on our “Green to Go” List. This list will be posted in the Counselling Office after Spring Break and includes:

- Completion of the BC Graduation Program with all requisite courses and credits (including the successful completion of BC Provincial Assessments)
- All school fees paid (The Convocation/Walk-up fee is \$75. This can be paid on School Cash Online, or by cash, cheque, debit or credit card in our school’s main office.
- Capstone Project completed and presented
- All overdue textbooks and library books returned

Tickets

Each graduate will be offered up to 5 tickets (at no cost). Grads will let us know how many they need up to 5. These tickets will be handed out at the office beginning on June 2, 2026. Additional tickets can be purchased for \$2.00 each, to be picked up by graduates in the office. Please note that we don’t limit ticket sales or allocation so if it takes some time to get onto the Green to Go list there is still not a risk of there not being enough tickets for your family.

Box Seat Auctions

We will be auctioning off Grad Box Suites at Cowichan Community Centre Arena (CCC) again to families for the ceremony via silent bid auction. Please email gssdatasecretary@sd79.bc.ca if you wish to make a bid on the box seats.

Please title your email "Box Suite Bid" and include the name of your graduate in the body of the email as well as the amount you are bidding for and whether you are bidding on Suites 1,2 or 4 (15 person capacity) or Suites 3 or 5 (30 person capacity).

Bidding will close on June 3, 2026 at 3:00pm.

We will contact the winning families within 48 hours of closing.

Cap and Gown (Walk Up) Convocation Ceremony

Thursday, June 25th at 6:00pm in the Cowichan Community Centre Arena (CCC).

The Morning of the Ceremony (June 25th):

11:00am - Students are to meet in the Multi-Purpose Hall at the Cowichan Community Centre to receive their cap and gown. Walk-up Rehearsal will also take place at this time and should take approximately an hour to complete.

The Evening of the Ceremony (June 25th):

5:00pm - Grads must be in the Community Centre Multi-Purpose Hall.

5:00pm- Doors will also be open to parents and guests.

5:45pm- Parents and guests are requested to be seated in the arena by this time.

6:00pm- Start

Grad Gown Measurements: Beginning in November, we will start calling Grads down to the main office to have their height recorded for the Gown order.

Grad Photos: Grad photos will take place at the Cowichan Community Centre (CCC) from January 5th to 9th. An email will go out in early December with more details and a link to book a timeslot.

Prom/Dry Grad: Prom and Dry Grad are parent-run events that have no official connection to the school. Please direct all inquiries regarding these events to qsspromchair@gmail.com or qsschair@gmail.com