

There has been an update to the shuttle transportation. Please note ARCC will **no longer provide a shuttle service** from ARCC to CIHS and back on Friday, May 12th for Graduation. Plan to have personal transportation to Cambridge-Isanti High School and park at the CIHS parking lot at 3:30pm when you are able to enter the building. There will be an ARCC staff member waiting outside the high school to guide graduates into building and direct to the Performing Art Center ticket booth for check-in.

We appreciate your understanding and flexibility with this adjustment to the agenda

Cambridge Commencement Ceremony

Date: **Friday, May 12th, 2023**

Time: **4:30 PM**

Location: **Cambridge-Isanti High School PAC**

403 8th Ave NW

Cambridge, MN 55008

Timeline

***UPDATE: Graduation Shuttle service from ARCC and back has been cancelled.**

- 3:30 PM Graduate arrive at CIHS. An ARCC staff member will greet students outside. Graduates are to **check in** at the ticket booth near the PAC to receive their NAME CARD. Name cards are used to confirm attendance and to announce the graduate during the ceremony. Graduates must wear graduation regalia.
***ARCC graduates are not permitted to enter the CIHS until 3:30 PM.**
- 3:45 PM The CIHS Performing Arts Center (PAC) will open for guest seating at **3:45 PM**. **Special seating Accommodations:** Graduates had the opportunity to request special accommodations on the RSVP form for the ceremony in advance. Only pre-requested/approved special accommodations will have reserved seating.
- 4:00 PM Graduates are to line up outside the graduate waiting/dressing room in numerical order according to the number printed on their name card. The graduate will hand their card to the announcer as they walk across the stage.
- 4:30 PM Processional March.
- 5:30 PM Graduation will conclude at approximately **5:30 PM**. Graduate and Guest reception will be available in the cafeteria of the Cambridge-Isanti High School following the ceremony.

The Commencement Ceremony Instructions

- ❖ Processional March: Enter the ceremony space – led by faculty members.
- ❖ Welcome, Introductions & Speeches.
- ❖ Presentation of the Class of 2023 & Announcing Graduates.
- ❖ Conferring of Degrees.

- ❖ Graduates will be invited to come forward to receive diploma covers (*diplomas mailed later*).
- ❖ Graduates are to rise together by row at the direction of the Student Leaders and approach the RIGHT SIDE of the stage.
- ❖ Hand your name card to the announcer.
- ❖ Begin your walk across the stage as your name is announced.
- ❖ Receive your diploma cover with your left hand; shake the President's hand with your right. If you wish to not shake hands, please keep your hands to your sides.
- ❖ As you return to your seat, use your right hand to **move your tassel from the right to the left**.
- ❖ Return to your chair and REMAIN STANDING until everyone in the row is back; your row will all sit down together.
- ❖ Concluding remarks.
- ❖ Recessional.
- ❖ President Hanson and dignitaries will lead the recessional. Please wait for them to exit the PAC.
- ❖ Faculty will leave next. Then the graduates will stand and be released one row at a time at the direction of the Student Leaders.
- ❖ Concluding Remarks.
- ❖ Recessional.
- ❖ To help traffic flow, graduates will exit the PAC and continue to the right and go straight to go to the cafeteria. Please do not stop nor gather in the hallway. Guests will then be dismissed.
- ❖ Dismissal of family members will begin once the graduates have exited the PAC. Guests may meet up with graduates in the cafeteria for the reception and fellowship.

Regalia Information

Please note your gown may need to be hung up to remove wrinkles. To ensure you receive regalia in your size, please purchase regalia ASAP. If you are unable to get to the campus to pick up your regalia, please contact the Campus Store at CampusStore@AnokaRamsey.edu for arrangements. The Cambridge Campus Store will be open **8:00 AM-3:00 PM on Friday, May 12.**

Number of Guest and Seating

Due to capacity of ceremony space, graduates are allowed to have up to four guests attend the commencement ceremony. There will be no tickets to the event. Seats are first come first choice of seating; graduates are unable to save seats. Accommodation seating will be reserved. There will be an overflow area (Cambridge-Isanti High School cafeteria) available for extra guests to view the livestreaming of the event.

Live Streaming

For those guests unable to attend the commencement ceremony there will be live streaming available with live captioning. Please view either link for the live streaming: [Cambridge Commencement Live Streaming1](#) or [Cambridge Commencement Live Streaming2](#).

Parking

The Cambridge-Isanti High School has parking lot with **limited** availability as school releases at 3:10pm. Please plan to arrive at 3:30pm for parking availability.

Diplomas

Diplomas will be ordered for graduates after the end of the term, once their applications have been evaluated. Diplomas will be mailed to the graduate's permanent address on file in eServices. Please verify and update your student address and contact information in your Anoka-Ramsey eServices account.

Questions:

Do not hesitate to ask! Please contact us by emailing GraduationCC@AnokaRamsey.edu.

Please continue to watch the [Commencement Website](#) for updated information.

Enjoy your Commencement! This is your special day! Congratulations!