



*Central Middle School*  
Community Consolidated School District #146  
18146 S. Oak Park Ave.  
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## *Eighth Grade Activities and Eligibility Information: Class of 2018*

- **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

In order to participate in graduation activities, students are required to meet our eligibility requirements. Students must have a minimum cumulative 1.75 grade point average during their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year, as well as a minimum cumulative 1.75 grade point average overall for their years at Central, in order to participate in the Graduation Ceremony.

Students who behave inappropriately may become ineligible for any or all of the culminating activities, pending a final review by the administration. Proper student behavior includes showing respect for peers and staff at all times. Central's administration makes the final decision for any and all student participation in graduation activities, including the privilege of participating in the graduation ceremony.

All district and school fees must be paid prior to the ceremony.

- **GRADUATION GOWN MEASUREMENT: Tuesday, January 23, 2018**

Students will be measured by the E.R. Moore Company during their lunch time. In the event that any student is absent on gown measuring day, s/he will be measured by office personnel at a later date. The gowns will be distributed on May 17<sup>th</sup>. NJHS members will receive an honor stole to use if they have achieved the requirements necessary to merit this recognition. Information on the care of the gown is included with the package. Students do not wear graduation caps. The gown's color this year is Navy.

- **GRADUATION PACKET & FEE**

The graduation fee of \$40 covers the cost of the graduation gown, 8<sup>th</sup> grade t-shirt and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade breakfast. Diplomas, diploma covers and all printing costs are provided by the Board of Education. Each graduate will receive a packet containing their gown and graduation tickets on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

- **RECOGNITION NIGHT: Thursday, May 17, 2018  
6:00 pm in the CMS Cafetorium**

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Recognition Night will be a celebratory evening to honor and recognize Central's top students in the areas of academics, service, citizenship and athletics. This event will be by invitation only. Invitations will be given to students no later than Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.

- **CLASS OF 2018: GRADUATION BALL: Monday, May 21, 2018  
from 5:00-8:00pm**

This year's 8<sup>th</sup> grade will continue CMS tradition with a dinner dance at the Class of 2018: Graduation Ball. Students will dine/dance at CD&ME, 23320 South La Grange Road, Frankfort, IL 60423.

Students must be in attendance for a **full day** on May 21<sup>st</sup> to participate in this event. Should any students not be permitted by administrative decision to attend the trip, attendance at school on the day of the trip is an expectation. The cost of this year's trip is **\$45.00 due by Friday, March 23rd**. (Permission slip is included in this packet.)

- **GRADUATION CEREMONY: Tuesday, May 22nd, 2018  
6:30pm in the CMS Gymnasium  
*\*\*If snow days occur, this date is subject to change***

The last day of 8<sup>th</sup> grade student attendance is Tuesday, May 22, 2018. Students will be dismissed at approximately 10:30 am. Students must be in attendance at the May 22nd graduation practice in order to participate in the evening graduation ceremony.

**Ceremony:** Door #3 and #7 (south end of the building) will open at 6:00 p.m. for graduation. Admission is **by ticket only. Ticket info will be sent to students and parents in the next few weeks.** Students are expected to report to the Central Middle School main hallway by 6:00 p.m. for line-up and will remain there until the ceremony begins. Students should leave personal belongings (cell phones, cameras, etc.) with their family members.

**Pictures:** A photographer from Tom Killoran Photography will be available to take each student's picture as they receive their diploma on stage. **More picture information will be sent to students and parents in the next few weeks.** We will also be providing an 8<sup>th</sup> grade class panoramic picture. Order forms for families at the cost of \$15 will be available. You are welcome to take your own photos in the gym and outside after the ceremony. \*No photos in graduation seating area.

**Grad Attire:** Appropriate attire under the graduation gown is expected. A collared shirt and tie for boys looks very nice under the gown since boys' gowns have no collars. The girls will receive a collar with their gown package. Girls should wear shoes which are easy to walk up and down stairs in. Flip flops are not allowed to be worn at the ceremony due to distractions from the general appearance of the graduate.

**Flowers, balloons, noisemakers, and other public displays that single out particular students during the ceremony are not allowed.** We kindly ask that you take these items back to your car if we see them in the building. Your cooperation is appreciated.

# **Central Middle School Dates to Remember**

- December 8, 2017: The Graduation Activities form and payment due
- January 23, 2018: Graduation Gown Measurements taken during lunch
- March 23, 2018: Graduation Ball Permission Slip and payment due  
(Make checks payable to CCSD 146)
- May 17, 2018 : Graduation Ticket and Gown Distribution
- May 17, 2018: Recognition Night (by invitation only) – 6:00 pm in CMS Cafetorium
- May- TBD: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip: Great America- (Date will be announced at a later date)
- May 21, 2018: Graduation Practice during part of the school day  
Yearbook Signing  
Graduation Ball at CD&ME in Frankfort:  
Approximate Departure: 4:30 pm  
Approximate Return: 8:30 pm  
Attire should be semi-formal to formal
- May 22, 2018: Graduation Practice  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Breakfast  
Early Dismissal (approximately 10:30 am)  
Graduation:  
Doors Open- 6:00 pm (Enter through South Doors only)  
Student Line-Up Time- 6:00 pm in Main Hall  
Ceremony- 6:30 pm in Larry I. Anderson Gymnasium

- All district fees must be paid prior to graduation on May 22, 2018

# ***Eighth Grade Culminating Activities & Eligibility Form 2017-18***

Student Name:

Student's Advisory Teacher:

## ***Diploma Name***

Please indicate if the name printed above is how your child's name should appear on the diploma, the graduation program, and be read at the ceremony. Make any necessary corrections on the line below. If the diploma name is ok place a check mark on the line next to your student's name.

\_\_\_\_\_ Diploma name is ok

or Corrected Diploma Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Graduation Fee***

Graduation Gown, 8<sup>th</sup> grade t-shirt & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Breakfast \$40.00

8<sup>th</sup> grade t-shirt      Size: S   M   L   XL   XXL  
(Circle one)

Total amount \_\_\_\_\_ Cash or Check  
(Checks payable to CCSD 146)

Please return this form and payment on or before Friday, December 8, 2017 to your Advisory teacher.

I have read and understand the Eighth Grade Activities eligibility requirements.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent signature**

PRINT parent name

I have read and understand the Eighth Grade Activities eligibility requirements and will strive to remain eligible for all of the upcoming activities.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Student signature**

PRINT student name

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\*\*\*\*\***FIELD TRIP PERMISSION SLIP**\*\*\*\*\*

**Activity:** Class of 2018: Graduation Ball

**Location:** CD & ME, 23320 S La Grange Rd, Frankfort, IL

**Date/Time of Field Trip:** Monday, May 21, 2018 @5:00 – 8:00pm

**Cost:** \$45.00 (Checks payable to CCSD 146)

**Chaperones Include:** Central Middle School Staff & Administrators

**Additional Information:** Students will be transported by school bus to and from the Dinner Dance. Attire is semi-formal/formal. Dress code requirements still apply to this event.

**Departure Time from CMS:** 4:30pm

**Arrival Time back at CMS:** 8:30pm

*Detach and return to your Advisory teacher no later than March 23, 2018*

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**Class of 2018: Graduation Ball on May 21, 2018**

Student Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child to attend the field trip described above.  
Cash or check (payable to CCSD 146) enclosed for \$45.00

I do not give permission for my child to attend the field trip above.

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Parent Signature

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Date