



Graduation

FIRST Signing Day

Overview

FIRST celebrates and recognizes secondary/ high school graduation for students across the globe with *FIRST* Signing Day – the third Tuesday in May each year. In 2026, *FIRST* Signing Day will be Tuesday, May 19th.

FIRST Signing Day was developed by *FIRST* Robotics Competition Team 2468 and adopted globally by *FIRST* to recognize and celebrate graduating students and their next steps after high school.

There are two main ways individuals and teams can participate in *FIRST* Signing Day:

- Host an in-person *FIRST* Signing Day event, prior to May 19, resources and details [available here](#).
- Celebrate at a *FIRST* event. At *FIRST* Championship Innovation Faire the *FIRST* Alumni/ Signing Day booth has lots of ways to recognize and celebrate graduates and alumni – be sure to stop by.
- On *FIRST* Signing Day, post your individual or team celebrations of graduates' accomplishments and next steps online with the hashtags #FIRSTSigningDay, #FSD2026
 - FSD Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/firstsigningday/>
 - 2468 FSD page <https://www.frc2468.org/first-signing-day>



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Graduation Cords

Guidelines

The guidelines outlined below are established as a standard requirement for FIRST graduation cords. It's important to understand that the criteria listed are optional and can be adopted by teams as needed to award Graduation Cords. Any high school student actively involved in FIRST is eligible to participate. The responsibility for acquiring and distributing cords lies with the teams or organizations, and this process should be managed internally.

To wear a FIRST Graduation Cord, a student should:

- 1. be a contributing member of a high school FIRST team for at least one academic year,*
- 2. be in good academic standing with their school and team,*
- 3. actively participate in at least one official FIRST event,*
- 4. actively display Gracious Professionalism,*
- 5. actively embody FIRST Core Values: Discovery, Innovation, Impact, Inclusion, Teamwork, and Fun.*

FIRST Graduation Cords are available for purchase within the [FIRST store](#).

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