

Graduation Ivy Chain and Ushers

Description of Ivy Chain

The top junior female students are invited to become the Ivy Chain at the Graduation Ceremony. During the processional, the Ivy Chain precedes the graduates into the stadium. During the ceremony, they sit behind the graduates in reserved seats. As per tradition, they wear a white dress and carry a bouquet with flowers and ivy. The ivy symbolizes the connection between the graduates and the school.

Qualifications for Ivy Chain

The top eight (8) female students are chosen based upon their unweighted GPA's for five semesters. In the event more than eight female students have earned 4.000 GPA's, the number of students may be increased. Students with fewer than three semesters attendance at OPHS are not eligible. Students with discipline or attendance issues are not eligible for this recognition.

Description of Ushers

The top junior male students are invited to become an Usher at the Graduation Ceremony. They assist with the distribution of graduation programs, collecting tickets, seating guests and assisting the staff during the Graduation Ceremony. They are dressed in professional clothing appropriate to the occasion.

Qualifications for Ushers

The top eight (8) male students are chosen based upon their unweighted GPA's for five semesters. In the event more than eight male students have earned 4.000 GPA's, the number of students may be increased. Students with fewer than three semesters attendance at OPHS are not eligible. Students with discipline or attendance issues are not eligible for this recognition.

Invitations for the Ivy Chain and Ushers are sent to students within one month of the Graduation Ceremony. An informational meeting is held to describe duties, time obligations and dress.