

Do any of you have a graduation policy on who is allowed to wear stoles or what cords are worn during your ceremony?

Institutions	Comments	
Carl Sandburg College	We do not have a written policy at Sandburg. We do allow out TRIO SSS students to wear a medallions as well as our Gale Scholars students. This is in addition to PTK and honors. It would not surprise me if we have to have to come up with a policy in the near future. I would like to thank Sedgwick for volunteering to write a new policy for all of us! Thanks	
Black Hawk CC	Same as Sauk Valley	
City Colleges of Chicago	At CCC, we provide Honor Cords/stoles for (PTK and Psi Beta) members GPA of 3.0 and above. In addition, we provide veteran cords – lastly, we have a separate pinning ceremony for our Nursing students.	
College of Lake County	We also do not have a policy but provide honors cords and PTK stoles for commencement at CLC.	
Elgin CC	All degree earners wear a blue and white stole. Certificate earners do not. Degree earners with a 3.5 GPA or higher earn a high honor cord. Phi Theta Kappa students can wear their stole and tassel. We also have students wearing Trio stoles, veterans wear Americana cords (red, white and blue cords similar to the gold high honor cords), culinary students wear their medals, nursing students wear their pins. We don't have a formal policy and have been pretty liberal with allowing accessories when various campus groups have made a request.	
Harper College	Same as Lincoln Land College	
Heartland College	At Heartland Community College we have the PTK stoles, the Honors Program students have white cords, students walking who are graduating from Franklin University who qualify for cum laude, etc, get the corresponding honor cord – and SKD graduates have green and gold cords. We do not have a policy prohibiting other stoles or cords, but I will be interested in what you find/develop as it may become an issue here at some point as well.	

Illinois Central College	We don't have any policy on this practice. PTK is the only organization that wears stoles and our honors students wear the cords. Additionally, our nurse graduates that have gone through the pinning ceremony will wear their pins on the gown. These are not very visible as they are only small collar or upper chest pins. We would encourage students from other organizations to provide recognition and identification if they so choose. Groups that come to mind include veterans (red, white, and blue cords), Sigma Kappa Delta, Phi Beta Lambda, or any of our health careers groups.	
Illinois Valley College	At IVCC, we do not have a formal policy but if a group wants to have their cords recognized in the program and announced, they have to go through me. We have honor societies, Trio, and Veterans currently	
Joliet Junior College	We do not have a policy at Lake Land but have allowed other groups to wear cords and stoles – PTK and other academic honors groups, TRIO students, Veterans, for example.	
Kankakee CC	Same as Rend Lake	
Kaskaskia College	At KC there is not a written policy. However, we have always tried to keep the stoles and cords for our honors students. The only exception would be the veteran cords that we give to all veterans, students and faculty/staff, who have served.	
Lake Land College	We do not have a policy at Lake Land but have allowed other groups to wear cords and stoles – PTK and other academic honors groups, TRIO students, Veterans, for example.	
Lewis & Clark College	We have stoles or cords for PTK, honors, veterans, and nursing honors. All requests have to be approved by the Commencement Committee.	
Lincoln Land College	We don't have a policy, but any additional regalia items would have to be coordinated through our commencement planning committee. Currently, we have stoles and cords for our PTK group, honors, and departmental honorees.	

Parkland College	We actually DO have a policy as of this last academic year. It may be more restrictive than what some of you might like, but the academic regalia purists would prefer no additional ornaments, so these restrictions work better on our campus. Right now, PTK is allowed to wear stoles and student veterans who have achieved the academic criteria of SALUTE scholars may wear cords that are red/white/blue. Graduates of our honors program wear a small pin. The philosophy was that Commencement is about academic achievement, and not about designating every program of study, club/organization, etc. Other campuses might feel differently.	
Rend Lake College	We do not have a written policy but we allow other honors clubs to wear cords and denote it in the graduation program.	
Richland CC	At Richland, we don't have a policy. We allow honors, PTK, and Veterans to wear cords. We allow others to wear stoles as well. But all are approved prior to graduation. We have separate pinning ceremonies for Health Professionals and Culinary Arts and they have worn their pins. We haven't been very restrictive, but keep an eye out if we need to. We have turned down some requests to wear things before.	
Rock Valley College	Same as Lincoln Land College	
Sauk Valley CC	SVCC only allows honor cords...at this time. We are looking at allowing veteran cords that we will provide for free.	
Shawnee College	Shawnee follows the same protocol as Kishwaukee.	
Spoon River College	At Spoon River we do not have a policy but follow the same guidelines, PTK and Honors, as Kishwaukee. Same as College Lake County	
Triton College	No "formal" written policy at Triton...but, we do allow PTK and honor cords.	
Waubensee Community College	We allow all honor societies to wear stoles or cords. Our procedure has some similarities to Parkland CC	

