

Graduation Ceremony and Rehearsal Details:

1. The Graduation Ceremony for the AHS/SILSA Class of 2023 will take place on Saturday, June 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the AHS/SILSA Stadium.
2. Attendance at all meetings/rehearsals prior to Graduation is MANDATORY. Any excusals from final rehearsal must be approved by the Principal no later than June 1st ; no exceptions.
 - **Friday, June 9th, 8:30 a.m., Rehearsal, in the Varsity Gym**
 - **Saturday, June 10th, Graduation, report to the Varsity Gym by 6:00 p.m.**
 - **-Rain Date- Sunday, June 11th (7:00 p.m.), report to Varsity Gym by 6:00 p.m.**
3. Please do not bring your cap and gown to rehearsal.
4. Tickets- Commencement tickets will be distributed to each graduate on the morning of June 9th at the end of rehearsal. Each graduate will receive **11 tickets for general admission**. Everyone must have a ticket. Children 2 years and younger who will sit on a person's lap will not be required to have a ticket. However, anyone who will be seated in the stands must have a ticket. Two of the eleven tickets are rain tickets. If inclement weather forces us to move graduation indoors, these tickets will allow admission for two guests per a graduate. Hopefully we will not need the rain tickets.
5. The ***dress code*** for students is casual. You must wear shoes, shorts/skirt/pants, and a shirt under your gown. Caps cannot be decorated and gowns must remain zipped up during the ceremony. Some of you have expressed the desire to decorate your caps. However, in order to keep some sense of decorum with a relaxed dress code, you will **not be allowed to decorate your caps**. Sunglasses are permissible, but parents may want to see more of their graduate's face as they walk across the stage. The sun will be setting behind the stadium by 7:30.

Expectations for Students:

Proper behavior is expected of all graduates throughout the commencement ceremony. To ensure that goal, we have reviewed with the seniors a number of expectations. We ask that you read them carefully and discuss them with your graduate as well. Failure to comply with these expectations will jeopardize your student's participation and could result in removal from the commencement ceremony.

1. Your complete attention is required during rehearsals. No noise or disruptions will be tolerated.
2. Visitors are not allowed at practices. (This includes siblings, children, other students, etc. – only graduates are allowed at the meeting and practices.)
3. Electronic devices are not to be carried or used during rehearsals or graduation.
4. Balloons or bubbles are prohibited.
5. Food or gum will not be allowed during rehearsals or graduation.
6. Water bottles will be allowed at rehearsal, but not during graduation. Water will be provided for the graduates during graduation.
7. Please make sure you have your cap, gown, tassel and any cords.
8. Avoid bringing any bags, purses, umbrellas, etc. with you to rehearsals or graduation. There is no place to safely store these items. If you do bring personal items, it is at your own risk.
9. **Fees and Fines:** All senior fees and fines must be paid by Monday, June 5. This includes book fines, lunch fees, and technology fees. Please see an email from Shelly Powell for more information. Fees can be paid online or with cash/check in Shelly Powell's office.
10. **Laptop Collection:** Senior laptops will be collected on Friday, June 2 in the media center. You must bring your computer and charger. Failure to pay fees or turn in your laptop before rehearsal deems a student ineligible to walk until fees are paid.

For Parents and Guests:

The administration and faculty request your assistance in keeping this graduation ceremony free of interruptions so that each graduate will have the opportunity to be honored.

1. The stadium will open at **5:30 pm** to give you adequate time to find seating.
2. Elderly or handicapped family members of seniors attending the commencement ceremony are requested to arrive early. A handicapped placard must be prominently displayed to access these lots. In order for us to anticipate the need for handicap parking, please complete the following [Handicap Parking Notification Survey](#). Golf carts will be available for transportation from the handicapped parking lot to the stadium.
3. General admission parking is available in the ABTech parking lot accessible from Victoria Road. Due to construction, additional parking details will be released at a later date.
4. All visitors will be checked through security upon entrance to the stadium. Security personnel will be using wand metal detectors and bags will be checked. Balloons, noisemakers, signs, and umbrellas are prohibited in the stadium. Any items that will block or restrict the view of others are not permitted.
5. Tickets will be collected at the gates. Graduates can pick up tickets at the end of the ceremony for keepsakes.
6. Please remain silent during the awarding of diplomas. Refrain from shouting or cheering for individual graduates. Each parent and guest deserves to hear the name of their graduate called.
7. Under no circumstances may anyone come on the field of the stadium during the ceremony. Violators will be escorted from the stadium by security.
8. Turn off all electronic devices that might interrupt the ceremony.
9. Remain in the stadium until the ceremony is over. Anyone leaving the stadium during the ceremony will not be allowed to re-enter.
10. Please arrange a designated meeting place with your graduate prior to graduation.
11. The ceremony will be videoed and live streamed. A photographer will take pictures of graduates receiving their diploma. After graduation, the video will be made available online.