

A Commencement Guide For Seniors and their Parents



The Class of 2019
Thirteenth Commencement Exercise
Auburn Mountainview High School

Special Senior Events

Cap and Gown Distribution – April 3 during both lunches in the Commons; then in the Main Office after April 5th

Commencement Speaker Orientation—Thursday, May 9,
Before or after school in room 116 – further info available in Rm 119

Senior Presentations May 14 2:45-6:00pm

Parents are welcome to attend

Senior Awards Night – Wednesday May 29,

TAM @ 6:30 p.m. (students must arrive @ 5:30 p.m. sharp) Must wear Grad Gown (No caps)

College Assembly—May 31 Gym 9:45 am

(All-School Assembly)

Senior Prom – Saturday, June 1

Seattle Aquarium

1483 Alaskan Way Seattle, WA 98101

9 p.m. – Midnight. *Must enter by 10:30 p.m.

Graduation Ticket Distribution – Thursday, June 6

Just outside the Career Center during the morning per published

Senior Awards Assembly – Monday, June 10

Gym @ 1:45 p.m. (All-School Assembly)

Senior Finals – June 11, 12 & 13: Tuesday (per. 1 & 2), Wednesday (per. 3 & 4), Thursday (per. 5 & 6)

(regular bell schedule)

Seniors: “Make ‘Em Weep,” Rehearsal, BBQ & Video—Friday, June 14

Seniors take a bus trip down memory lane; seniors go to gym for graduation ceremony practice, followed by BBQ & senior video in the TAM. Arrive by 9:00 a.m. and release from school at 12:30 p.m.

Graduation Commencement – Saturday, June 15

Auburn Memorial Stadium @ 11 a.m. Graduates arrive at AMHS Main Gym @ 9:30 a.m. Wear AMHS Grad Cap & Gown, cords and medallions only over proper graduation attire.

Grad Night Party 2019 – Saturday, June 15

Depart from AMHS bus zone @ 9 p.m.; return @ 6:45 a.m.

Diploma Pick Up – Available Monday, July 8

Issued from Bookkeeper’s Office between 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Diplomas are available until picked up.

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The Class of 2019 ***Official Senior Activity*** ***and Commencement Guide***

Senior Awards Night—May 29

The Senior Awards Evening will take place on Wednesday, May 29th at 6:30 p.m. in the TAM. During this special event we will honor our seniors with academic achievements, special awards and scholarships.

*Students must arrive by 5:30 p.m. for rehearsal no exceptions.
Must wear graduation gown—no Caps*

Honor cords to be worn on graduation day will also be presented and include recognition for honor graduates with an accumulated GPA of 3.5–4.0 (silver cord) and graduates with an accumulated GPA of 3.2–3.49 (white cord). Parents and family members are welcome and encouraged to attend this important and memorable event. If your student is going to receive an award, parents will receive a personal invitation. All senior class members are welcome to attend.

Tickets—June 6

Each graduating senior will receive six (6) admission tickets (no charge). Tickets will be released to GRADUATES ONLY (no exceptions) upon presentation of ID on Thursday, June 6. Ticket distribution is based upon the district facility accommodations. Those graduates who need additional tickets may request them at time of ticket pick-up. Extra tickets will be available on Tuesday, June 11. We will do our best to accommodate requests, but cannot guarantee all tickets requested will be available. Seniors who remain in jeopardy of graduating will only receive tickets upon written verification from their counselors that graduation requirements have been met.

Senior Awards Assembly—June 10

The Senior Awards Assembly will take place on Monday, June 10 at 1:45 p.m. in the gym. During this special event we will honor our seniors with academic extracurricular achievements and special awards with the entire student body in attendance. Blue honor cords to be worn on graduation day will be presented for Department Excellence Students of the Year for both academic and citizenship categories. Parents are welcome to attend. Seating will be provided on the north side of the gym.

Graduation

Date: Saturday, June 15, 2019
Place: Auburn Memorial Stadium
Time: Ceremony begins at 11:00 a.m.

Graduates please be in the AMHS Main Gym by 9:30 a.m. for practice. Please be prompt.

Auburn Memorial Stadium gates open to ticket holders at 9:45 a.m. Please plan on arriving at the stadium by 10:30 a.m. to allow time for seating. **Please note: Gates will close at 10:55 am. Guests arriving after the ceremony begins will be seated on the visitor side of the stadium.**

Entrances: Fourth Street NE will be closed from 3rd Street to H Street from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Guests may enter at the west gates of Auburn Memorial Stadium only.

General Parking and Seating

General seating is on a first come, first served basis. Parking is offered in the following areas: The large parking lot on 4th street by the baseball field, Administration Building parking lot, or on the streets in the area. 4th Street NE will be closed from E Street to H Street from 9-6 p.m.

Handicapped Parking and Seating

Please request special handicapped/injured passes for seating in the Main Office after May 6th. This special pass will not reserve you an individual seat, but will allow you and one escort to sit in a designated area for guests with special needs. **Please plan on arriving early as this section quickly fills up.** Other family members are expected to sit in general seating. Special parking is also available with this pass. You will be allowed to enter 4th Street to deliver disabled person(s) and park in the lot across from the pool, on a first come, first served basis until filled.

Camera/Video Recorders

Professional photographs will be taken as each graduate receives his/her diploma; posed with diploma in hand and multiple action shots throughout the ceremony. These will be made available for purchase after commencement. Information on commencement photographs, including pricing, will be distributed to graduates when they pick up their tickets.

You may take pictures from your seat; however, no one will be allowed to take pictures in the aisles or near the walkway railings. No tripods will be permitted.

Fourth Street will be closed after graduation, enabling you to use that area for photographs.

Senior Lineup

Seniors must be in the AMHS gym by 9:30 a.m. on the day of graduation for rehearsal. PLEASE BE PROMPT. Only graduates and faculty will be allowed in the gym. Graduates must have their caps, gowns and tassels in their hands prior to entering the gym. Do not bring any other items into the gym.

Appropriate Attire

All graduating seniors will wear official caps with tassels and gowns along with AMHS issued cords and/or medallions for commencement exercises. If you have not yet ordered your cap and gown, contact the Main Office or call Jostens at 800-922-7007 immediately. In addition to caps and gowns, graduates are expected to dress appropriately for a ceremony of this nature:

Male: A collar shirt with a regular tie should be worn. Shirt and tie should not clash with the color of the robe. Sport or suit coat should not be worn under the robe. Slacks/suit pants should be pressed and shoes should be shined/clean and appropriate. Flip flops and/or gym shoes will not be allowed. Sunglasses will not be permitted.

Female: Dresses are the most appropriate attire. Flat-heeled shoes are appropriate and preferably should coordinate with the color of the robe; however, you need not buy a new pair of shoes for this event. Flat shoes are recommended. Please, no flip-flop style sandals (beach shoes). A low hairstyle, so the mortarboard will fit properly, is recommended. Sunglasses will not be permitted.

Students who have religious/cultural imperatives that require accessories to the graduation apparel must appeal to the principal in writing no later than Friday, May 17, 2019.

Code of Conduct During Commencement

Only appropriate behavior will be accepted. Graduation is a traditional ceremony holding dignity for all; including participants, parents, and guests.

Audience

Please arrive with plenty of time to be seated prior to the 11:00 a.m. start of the commencement exercises. The gates will close at 10:55 am. Guests will be seated on the visitor side at that time.

Please note: Commencement begins as the graduates cross the field. Guests arriving after the ceremony begins will be seated on the visitor side of the stadium.

All guests must remain seated until the entire program is completed. Balloon bouquets will not be permitted in the seating area as they obstruct the view of others. Cell phones must be turned off, and bullhorns, air horns, or other noise makers are not allowed in the stadium.

Please withhold applause during the diploma presentation since shouting, cheering, and applauding as an individual crosses the stage can cause the next graduate's name not to be heard by the audience.

Students

Alcohol and/or tobacco use is not permitted and any student who is found to have been using alcohol or other drugs will not be allowed to participate in the ceremonies. The use of alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs are strictly forbidden at any school district event.

Students will not be allowed to make inappropriate comments or gestures when they receive their diplomas. Inappropriate behaviors will require completed community service hours prior to a diploma being released.

Senior Grad Night 2019 (Non-district event)

What: Grad night is an unforgettable all-night party planned by the parents for graduating seniors. There will be dinner, dessert, music, entertainment, games, dancing, breakfast and loads of fun.

When: Saturday, June 15, 2019. Students will be transported from and returned to AMHS by commercial bus and will be gone from approximately 9:00 p.m. to 6:45 a.m. on Sunday morning.

Where: It's a SECRET!

Why: The Grad Night tradition was started by parents who wanted to provide a very special alcohol free, drug free, safe celebration for their students.

Cost: \$125 until April 9th. April 10th the cost is \$149. Everything is included (food, transportation, fun all night long.) *Scholarships are available.*

How Do Seniors Sign Up? Registration/permission form is available in the Activities Office. Checks should be made payable to AMBC Grad Night. Payment may be taken by the Main Office of the high school. Any questions? Available to help chaperone? **Contact the 2019 Grad Night Committee at janmeredith@comcast.net**

Diploma Pick Up

Diplomas will be available for pick up beginning on Monday, July 8th, between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at the Bookkeeper's Office. You will be unable to get your diploma if you have unpaid fines/fees, owe Thursday Night School, or have not earned the required credits for graduation.

Diplomas will not be mailed.

Report cards and immunization records will be mailed to you at your last reported address. Please contact the guidance office if your address has changed and you have not reported that change.

Commencement Speaker Selection Process and Information

Speaker Orientation Meeting – Thursday, May 9th before/after school in Room 116

- › *Pick up application – Tuesday, May 7th*
- › *Distribute and discuss timeline expectations, selection process, and criteria*

Applications Due to Ms. Thomas – Tuesday, May 14 by 2:45 p.m.

- › *Need parent signature*
- › *Need faculty advisor signature*

Rough Drafts Due to Ms. Thomas—May 17 by 2:45 p.m.

Speech Presentation– May 21, 2019

- › *Present speeches to selection panel of teachers and students*

The privilege of speaking at graduation is open to all graduating seniors. The length of the inspirational speech should be **one minute or less** and the commencement speeches should be **approximately three minutes**.

Interested seniors must satisfy the timeline listed above. Candidates who meet the following guidelines will present their speeches to representatives of the senior class and faculty. There will be three student speakers at graduation: A faculty selection, a student selection and an inspirational speaker. For more information, please attend either Speaker Orientation meeting on Thursday, May 9th, before/after school in Room #116.

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