

# A Commencement Guide For Seniors and their Parents



## The Class of 2022



Sixteenth Commencement Exercise  
Auburn Mountainview High School

## Special Senior Events

**Cap and Gown Distribution** – Thursday, April 7 during both lunches in the Commons; then in the Main Office after April 7th

**Commencement Speaker Orientation** – Friday, May 6

During lunch in room 116 – further info available in Rm 119

**Senior Presentations** – Tuesday, May 10 10:00am

Parents are welcome to attend

**Senior Awards Night** – Wednesday, June 8

TAM @ 6:30pm (students must arrive @ 5:30pm sharp)

Must wear Grad Gown (no caps)

**College Signing Assembly** – Friday, June 3 in Gym 9:45am

(All-School Assembly)

**Senior Prom** – Saturday, June 4

Museum of Glass

1801 Dock Street, Tacoma, WA 98402 8pm –

11pm \*Must enter by 9:30pm

**Graduation Ticket Distribution** – Thursday, June 9

Just outside the Career Center (times to be announced-watch for Instagram post as well)

**Senior Awards Assembly** – Monday, June 13

Gym @ 1:30pm (All-School Assembly)

**Senior Finals** – June 14, 15 & 16: Tuesday (per 1 & 4),

Wednesday (per 2 & 5), Thursday (per 3 & 6)

(regular bell schedule)

**Seniors: "Make 'Em Weep." Rehearsal, Lunch & Video** Friday, June 17

Seniors take a bus trip down memory lane; seniors go to gym for graduation ceremony practice, followed by lunch & senior video in the TAM.

Arrive by 9:00am and release from school at 12:45pm

**Graduation Commencement** – Saturday, June 18

Auburn Memorial Stadium @ 10:00am Graduates arrive at AMHS

Main Gym @ 8:00am Wear AMHS Grad Cap & Gown, cords and medallions only over proper graduation attire.

**Grad Night Party 2022** – Saturday, June 18

Depart from AMHS bus zone @ 9:00pm return @ 7:00am

**Diploma Pick Up** – Available Monday, July 11

Issued from Bookkeeper's Office between 8:00am – 2:00pm

Diplomas not picked up by August 31 will be mailed home.

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### Official Senior Activity and Commencement Guide

#### **Senior Awards Night – June 8**

The Senior Awards Evening will take place on Wednesday, June 8th at 6:30pm in the TAM. During this special event we will honor our seniors with academic achievements, special awards and scholarships.

*Students must arrive by 5:30pm 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.) 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 9**

Each graduating senior will receive eight (8) admission tickets (no charge). Tickets will be released to graduates only (no exceptions) upon presentation of ID on Thursday, June 9. Ticket distribution is based upon the district facility accommodations. Those graduates who need additional tickets may request up to two (2) extra at time of ticket pick-up. Extra tickets will be available on Tuesday, June 14. 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 13**

The Senior Awards Assembly will take place on Monday, June 13 at 1:30pm 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 18, 2022**

**Place: Auburn Memorial Stadium**

**Time: Ceremony begins at 10:00am**

Graduates please be in the AMHS Main Gym by 8:00am for practice. Please be prompt.

Auburn Memorial Stadium gates open to ticket holders at 8:45am. Please plan on arriving at the stadium by 9:30am to allow time for seating. **Please note: Gates will close at 10:00am.**

Fourth Street NE will be closed to vehicles from 3rd Street to H Street from 9am to 6pm.

#### **General Parking and Seating**

Seating will be assigned by quadrant depending where your student is sitting. Please see the back of your ticket for your assignment. 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 9am-6pm.

## **Handicapped Parking and Seating**

Please request special handicapped seating passes in the Activities Office after June 1st. This special pass will not reserve you an individual seat, but will allow up to four (4) people 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 their diploma; poses with diploma in hand, and multiple action shots throughout the ceremony. These will be made available for purchase after commencement. Information on commencement photographs 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.

## **Senior Lineup**

Seniors must be in the AMHS gym by 8:00am 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.

After rehearsal, students will take school buses down to Auburn Memorial stadium for the ceremony and will be bused back to AMHS for a special party in the parking lot. You will have plenty of photo opportunities at this time.

## **Appropriate Attire**

All graduating seniors will wear official caps with tassels, gowns, and stoles 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 206-931-4723 immediately. In addition to caps, gowns, and stoles graduates are expected to dress appropriately for a ceremony of this nature.

**Guidelines:** Sportscoats and jackets should not be worn under the robe. Sunglasses will not be permitted. A low hairstyle, so the mortarboard will fit properly, is recommended. Flat-heeled shoes are recommended. Please, no flip-flop style sandals (beach shoes).

## **Diploma Pick Up**

Diplomas will be available for pick up beginning Monday, July 11th between 8:00am – 2:00pm 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. If not picked up by August 31, 2022, your diploma will be mailed to your home address on file.

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.**

## **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 10:00am start of the commencement exercises. The gates on the Home Side will close at 10:00am.

**Please note: Commencement begins as the graduates cross the field. Guests arriving after the ceremony begins will be seated in section F on the Visitor's 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 2022 (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 18, 2022. Students will be transported from and returned to AMHS by commercial bus and will be gone from approximately 9:00pm to 7:00am 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: \$99 until May 13th. May 14th 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 and online. Checks should be made payable to AMBC or Auburn Mountainview Booster Club. Payments can be dropped off in the Main Office or made online. Available to help chaperone?  
**Questions? Check out our website at [www.amhsbooster.org](http://www.amhsbooster.org)**



## Commencement Speaker Selection Process and Information

### **Speaker Orientation Meeting – Friday, May 6 during lunch in Room 116**

- *Pick up application – Monday, May 2nd*
- *Distribute and discuss timeline expectations, selection process, and criteria*

### **Applications Due to Mrs. Cornejo – Friday, May 13 by 2:45pm**

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

### **Rough Drafts Due to Mrs. Cornejo – May 20 by Noon**

### **Speech Presentation – Monday, May 23 2:45-4:00pm**

- *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 Friday, May 6th, during lunch in room 116.

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### **Administrative Staff**

Terri Herren, Principal  
Thomas Ostrander, Assistant Principal (A-G)  
Monte Eckelman, Assistant Principal (H-O)  
Andrea McHenry, Assistant Principal (P-Z)  
Cait Carr, Dean of Students  
Stephanie Cornejo, Activities Director  
Chris Carr, Athletics Director

### **Guidance Staff**

Deb Landis (A-Da)  
Heather Neumann (De-H & Pathways)  
Melissa Lemanski (I-Me & SLC)  
Kevin Nishimoto (Mi-Sc) (**Dept. Chair**)  
Kari Heinz (Se-Z)  
Karen Ainsworth, Career Counselor

### **Office Support Staff**

Chalea Zifka, Office Manager  
Cory Ruppert, Administrative Asst., Main Office  
Esa Lopez-Martinez, Family Engagement Liaison  
Kristie Anderson, Administrative Asst., Athletics & Activities  
Kelli Thomas, Administrative Asst., Guidance  
Deborah Johnson, Registrar  
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Candy Sheehan, Career Center Specialist