

Class of 2025 Senior Information Sheet

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Parents and seniors are encouraged to read every detail in this information sheet. If you still have questions, submit your question to <https://bit.ly/AHS-GraduationQuestions> and someone will be back in touch with a response.

Listed below are dates and important information regarding specific activities that have been planned for seniors including the dress code required for those events. Any student who needs assistance with clothing for senior events may contact the AHS Administrative team (Ms. Winterbottom, Mr. Todd, Mr. McCracken) or Guidance Staff (Ms. Madensky, Ms. Hearn, Ms. Tyler). **Students who show up for any event wearing inappropriate clothing, will not be allowed to participate in the event.** Please do not place the AHS Administrative team in the predicament of having to remove students from events due to a failure to follow dress code requirements. The general rule: if you have any doubt regarding an outfit (if it is borderline or you are just unsure), err on the side of caution and/or contact an administrator/guidance counselor to discuss the matter (contact the administration/guidance staff at least three days prior to the event).

Friday, May 9 ****REQUIRED** Senior class meeting #2** - 1:30 p.m. in the AHS auditorium. An email will be sent to all seniors and parents following the meeting. The email will contain all documents shared during the in-person class meeting.

Friday, May 9 ****LAST OPPORTUNITY** Submit Letters of Acceptance and/or Scholarship Awards:** Students who have received letters of acceptance and/or scholarship award letters must submit a copy to the guidance office. This was communicated to seniors through multiple emails and our guidance newsletters. *Without this information seniors may not be invited to our Senior Awards Night Program.* Submit any information to Ms. Nicole Madensky, AHS Guidance Office: nmadensky@horrycountyschools.net. *Program school students should only submit college acceptance letters and will not be invited to the base-school awards program. TODAY IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT.*

Saturday, May 10 **Saturday Attendance School** from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students must arrive *prior* to 8 a.m. or they will not be admitted (enter through the front office). This is the last opportunity to participate in a full day attendance make up. All senior attendance must be cleared by Friday, May 23 or students will not be allowed to participate in graduation. Sign up for Saturday attendance school by completing the Google form emailed to students by Ms. Blenda Jenkins.

Wednesday, May 14 ****DUE**** All seniors wishing to participate in the **GRADUATION WALK** at our elementary and middle schools must return their permission slips by today. The graduation walk will take place Thursday, May 15 (see more information below). All permission slips should be returned to the AHS Guidance Office to Ms. Ashley Tyler (AHS Guidance Secretary). Students who fail to return permission slips will not be allowed to participate. All participants **MUST** ride the bus to the elementary and middle schools. **This is a STUDENT ONLY event.** For safety and security purposes parents, family, and friends are not allowed at elementary and middle schools to walk or participate with seniors. Plan to wear your cap and gown for this event.

Thursday, May 15 **GRADUATION WALK** at Aynor Elementary, Midland Elementary, and Aynor Middle. Participating seniors must have **permission forms returned to the AHS Guidance Office by Wednesday, May 14 in order to participate.** All participating seniors must **meet in the AHS auditorium Thursday, May 15 by 12:30 p.m.** We will organize and load buses to travel to the elementary and middle schools. All participating seniors will be required to ride the bus transportation provided in order to participate. **Seniors will wear their cap and gown for this event.** We will return to AHS around 2:00 p.m.

- Thursday, May 15 **PRACTICE** for **SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT** will begin around 2:00 p.m. in the AHS auditorium (after we return from the Graduation Walk). **Senior Awards night is by "invitation only."** Those students who received invitations and wish to participate **MUST ATTEND** Senior Awards Night Practice.
- Thursday, May 15 **SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT** - 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium. **Senior Awards Night participation for seniors is by "invitation only."** Participating seniors must arrive by 5:25 p.m. to the AHS Cafe to line up and prepare for the ceremony. Friends and family may attend. **Dress Code: Semi formal dress attire (for example: button down dress shirt and slacks, mid-length dresses).** **All clothing must meet AHS Dress Code. Students who wear skirts, dresses, or any clothing that does not meet the school dress code will not be allowed to participate. If the clothing is "borderline" for not meeting, it is a recommendation students not wear it. Please do not put school administration in the position of having to address this prior to this wonderful event for seniors and parents.**
- Friday, May 16 ****DUE** Permission forms to participate in Project Graduation** and \$30 are due to Ms. Dixie Cox (if you need assistance - see Ms. Cox, Ms. Winterbottom, Mr. Todd, Mr. McCracken). Pay the \$30 online through "My Payments Plus." Both money and permission form must be received by 3:45 p.m. or you will not be allowed to participate. Permission slips + information were emailed to students and parents on May 1, 2025 from Ms. Ashley Tyler, AHS Guidance Secretary. Early College HS and Scholars HS students are not eligible to participate.
- Sunday, May 18 **BACCALAUREATE SERVICE sponsored by FCA** – 6:00 p.m. in the AHS Auditorium
This event is *not* required. Seniors will wear their cap and gown for this event and must arrive by 5:30 p.m. in the AHS cafe to organize for the event.
- Thursday, May 22 **SENIOR EXAMS** – Third and Fourth Block
- Friday, May 23 **SENIOR EXAMS** – First and Second Block - **This is the last day of school for seniors.**
SENIOR PICNIC will be held on the practice field for seniors beginning at 11:30 a.m.
Any senior wishing to leave early from the senior picnic must follow the school's sign in/out policy by bringing a note in advance for verification or by having your parents sign you out in person with Ms. Blenda Jenkins in the attendance office. CAUTION: If you have an attendance issue, these absences count against your allowed days.
- Friday, May 23 ****DUE** "Senior Information Form" due back to the guidance office.** This information (including the form) will be sent to all senior email addresses by Ms. Nicole Madensky. This is important for the guidance office to receive. *We need this information for specific reasons!* See Ms. Ashley Tyler (atyler@horrycountyschools.net), AHS Guidance Secretary, if you have questions or do not receive the email.
- Friday, May 23 ****FINAL CALL**** All **SENIOR GRADES AND ATTENDANCE** must be finalized by the end of the school day today. Seniors with grade concerns or attendance concerns must clear these concerns by the end of the day or they will **not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.** **CAUTION: Grades, attendance, and/or discipline concerns can result in seniors not participating in graduation. Make smart decisions as we move toward graduation. Do not do something that you will regret later. Make smart decisions!**

Wednesday, June 4

****REQUIRED** GRADUATION PRACTICE** for all seniors who plan on participating in the graduation service. If you do not participate in graduation practice, you will not participate in the graduation ceremony. **Practice will begin promptly at 1:30 p.m. in the AHS Gymnasium.** Do not be late!

- Honor cords will be distributed at graduation practice. Club and honor society fees must be paid and cleared prior to receiving any cords.
- **You MUST attend graduation practice in order to participate in the graduation ceremony – no excuses or exceptions.**
- **Tickets for graduation will be given out at the end of graduation practice. Do not be in a rush to leave practice. *You do not receive any tickets for graduation if you have outstanding fees of any type. All fees must be cleared prior to receiving graduation tickets. See AHS Bookkeeper, Ms. Chandler, for questions about paying fees (achandler@horrycountyschools.net).**
- **Every guest must have a ticket to enter the graduation ceremony. This includes small children and/or babies. No exceptions.**

Thursday, June 5

GRADUATION beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the AHS Gymnasium. **Seniors must arrive and report to the AHS Cafeteria by 6:00 p.m.** Do not be late! Seniors should park in the parking lot between the school and the Waffle House on graduation night and enter the building using the doors at the end of the senior hallway (near Ms. Houle and Mr. Pfister's classrooms).

Doors to the gymnasium will be locked at 6:55 p.m. Everyone should arrive early!

Dress Code for Graduation: Seniors will wear their cap and gowns for graduation. Underneath their cap and gown, seniors should wear semi formal clothing (for example: button down dress shirt and slacks, mid-length dresses). Boys should have a WHITE collared shirt, DARK dress pants (navy or black), a DARK colored tie, and DARK shoes (navy, black or brown). Girls should attach the white collar provided with the graduation gown from Jostens PRIOR to arriving at school for the ceremony. Girls should wear a mid-length dress or skirt and blouse and DARK shoes. No tee shirts or shorts allowed. No flip flops, tennis shoes, work boots, or beach-style sandals allowed. No jeans allowed. **Mortar boards (caps) are not permitted to be decorated.** Only district-permitted regalia (i.e. honor cords, national honor society cords, etc.) will be permitted to be worn. Students will not be allowed to wear any other regalia or carry any other items for graduation (this is district policy). *Any student who does not meet these criteria will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.*

Got Questions? Students or Parents Can Send a Question

- If you have questions (students or parents), please complete the following Google Form. Someone will be back in touch with you soon to respond to your query:
<https://bit.ly/AHS-GraduationQuestions>.

Other Information for Graduation

- Metal detectors will be in use for our graduation ceremony. This includes graduating seniors and all guests. All guests and participants will be searched.
- Anyone who needs handicapped seating for an elderly parent, grandparent, or guest needs to notify Mr. Todd *immediately*. You may email Mr. Todd at: btodd004@horrycountyschools.net. How many handicapped seats will you need for your guests? *These are not extra tickets, but are included in the number of tickets graduates are issued.*
- The ceremony will be “live-streamed” online via the AHS home webpage and/or Facebook page for those guests who cannot attend due to ticketing limitations. We will email and post links to the live-stream on our Facebook page leading up to graduation day.
- **Our graduation ceremony is a formal and dignified ceremony. There will be no “show-boating” or disruptions to take away from the ceremony.**
- **Any student or guest who disrupts our ceremony or “show-boats” will be escorted out of the service immediately and taken off of the premises. Charges from police may also be filed.**
- For video and picture information: AHS Media Specialist, Ms. Joy Benton (jbenton@horrycountyschools.net), will share information via email to seniors and their parents. More information will be coming soon.
- Review GRADUATION DRESS CODE requirements:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1O3ShX6tGfQIS4jvZA5TxVGyzfSvaROkvV8-F4WQ9hME/edit?usp=sharing>

Frequently Asked Questions

How many graduation tickets will I receive?

*This year, seniors will receive six (6) graduation tickets for graduation in the AHS Gymnasium. Seniors will also receive two (2) graduation tickets for the auditorium viewing of graduation. The auditorium viewing will be live-streamed. **Tickets for the auditorium are not transferable to the gymnasium.***

When will I receive my graduation tickets?

The day of graduation practice at the end of practice. Students who owe fees will not receive tickets until fees are cleared. Do not plan to be in a rush on this day. It takes time to practice, to make sure fees are cleared, and to issue all seniors their tickets. We distribute tickets in alphabetical order. Students who do not show up to graduation practice, will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony. Students who show up late to practice will also not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Can I draw or write on my mortar board (cap) for graduation?

No. Our ceremony is very dignified and students are not allowed to write or draw on their mortar boards. Students who do not follow this expectation will be removed from the lineup for graduation. We do not have extra caps for students.

May I wear my favorite club pin or ribbon or competition badge for graduation?

No. District policy dictates only chartered honor societies or Latin honors recipients may wear honor cords for the graduation ceremony. The district policy states, “Honor cords or other academic regalia may not be worn by students in graduation ceremonies to signify a student’s membership or enrollment in an academy/club/organization/program, a student’s completer status, and/or a student’s winning a competitive event.” This is a district policy and will be strictly enforced. Honor cords are given out by club sponsors usually just before graduation practice or at graduation practice.

How do I request my transcripts to be sent to my college/university?

A high school transcript must be requested through www.parchment.com. If it is an HGTC or CCU transcript, you must request these from the college. IB transcripts can be requested through IBO.org. AP exam score sheets can be requested through CollegeBoard.org. Aynor High School cannot send transcripts to colleges or universities. Students must complete this process through www.parchment.com. For questions, contact Ms. Sonya Clark, sclark002@horrycountyschools.net.