

Class of 2026

Senior Activities

Handbook

TYRONE AREA HIGH SCHOOL

Read this handbook carefully & completely! It contains important information that you will need for the final weeks of Senior Year. This copy is yours to keep and to share with your family. A class meeting will be held by administration to explain, clarify, answer, and address any concerns.

This document can be viewed on the TASD website www.tyrone.k12.pa.us

At the time of printing, all information in this handbook was correct. In case of any school cancellations this handbook may require revision. It is the responsibility of each student to remain informed of any changes.

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Dear Class of 2026:

It is hard to believe that the school year is nearing its close. Graduation activities will soon be starting, which signify your exciting final days at Tyrone Area High School. To ensure that these activities run smoothly, a Senior Activities Handbook has been prepared. In this handbook you will see that all the events leading up to and including graduation are outlined.

All the events highlighted have been given great consideration. It is our goal to make each event memorable and enjoyable for all of you. In the handbook, you will find the details of each activity as well as the expectations for each student. We strongly recommend that you share this handbook with your family.

We would like to thank you for a great school year. We have thoroughly enjoyed working with all of you and wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Darin A. Ricciotti

Principal

Sincerely,

Lucas D. Rhoades

Dean of Students

Mandatory Event Schedule

Date	Event	Details	Mandatory	Optional
Friday, May 1st	Permission Form Returned	Must be turned into the HS Main Office	X	
Friday, May 15 th	Prom	7-10PM Discovery Center 1421 12 th Ave. Altoona, PA 16601		X
Sunday, May 17 th	Baccalaureate	1:30PM TAHS auditorium		X
Sunday May 17 th	All Sports Banquet	5-7PM HS cafeteria Letters were sent, MUST RSVP		X for senior athletes/parents
Monday and Wednesday, May 18 & 20 th	Core Subject & Elective Finals		X	
Tuesday, May 26 th	Senior Walk, Chromebook Turn in	If not in dress code student will NOT participate in the senior walk	X	
Wednesday, May 27 th	Senior Breakfast, Check out, Cap and Gown Distribution, & Senior Excellence Practice	9AM-12PM TAHS Cafeteria	X	
Wednesday, May 27 th	Senior Excellence Awards	6:30PM students arrive at the gym lobby with gown 7PM TAHS Auditorium	X	
Thursday, May 28 th	Commencement Practice (& "Thank you" note correspondence for award recipients)	9-1PM TAHS Auditorium	X	
Friday, May 29 th	Commencement Practice	9-10:30AM TAHS Auditorium	X	
Friday, May 29 th	Commencement	6PM Students arrive at the gym lobby with cap & gown for class photo 7PM TAHS Auditorium	X	

ANY INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR, INCLUDING SENIOR PRANKS TOWARDS DISTRICT FACILITES OR PERSONNEL, WILL BE PUNISHED TO THE FULL EXTENT OF THE LAW! YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM ALL PARTICIPATION IN SENIOR ACTIVITES!

You have the right to a diploma, but the activities are a privilege, an honor bestowed on our graduates, and will be rightly earned.

Dress Attire

Cap & Gown

Each student is required to have a cap and gown. These were purchased by the student in the fall/winter months. These will be distributed during Senior Excellence practice.

Gowns can be ironed on a low heat setting. Iron them a few days prior to wearing them and keep them on a hanger when not being worn; they do tend to wrinkle easily. The easiest way to remove wrinkles is to put the gown into the dryer with a wet washcloth for 30 minutes on medium heat. DO NOT DRY OR IRON THE CAP. ****put your name inside of your cap, so you don't lose it****

Put your gown on while you wait to line up. School staff will be checking the dress code and can assist you if there is an issue.

Honors Group/National Honor Society Stole

If you are eligible for a cord, you will need to pay an additional \$11.00 (payment given to main office) to receive your cord for commencement. This must be paid in cash (*NO CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED*) by **Thursday May 28th** in the HS Main Office. **Please have it in an envelope with the exact dollar amount and your name, NO CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** National Honor Society cords are paid for and provided to their seniors and will be handed out on May 8th at the NHS induction event, this is separate from the honors cord.

Male Graduates

- ✓ Black trousers
- ✓ White long sleeve dress shirt & tie
- ✓ Black socks & black dress shoes
- ✓ Black graduation gown
- ✓ Black graduation cap*

Female Graduates

- ✓ White dress or white shirt and white dress pants
- ✓ White or Nude shoes
- ✓ White graduation gown
- ✓ White graduation cap*

*Caps are only worn for the Graduation Ceremony. Caps are not permitted to be decorated. Dress attire is the same for senior excellence night and graduation.

NO SNEAKERS, FLIP-FLOPS, HATS, SUNGLASSES, SLIPPERS, OR BARE FEET.

School staff will direct you to line up for the processional.

Remember that this is a formal ceremony. The celebration(s) come AFTER the ceremony, not before or during. Keep the tradition of a dignified and respectful ceremony in your mind, act appropriately during these activities.

Commencement Tickets

Each Student will be given a certain number of tickets. There may not be any additional tickets, but you are able to put your name on a request list if any tickets are returned. The list will be in the High School Main Office. These will be given during the 2nd day of practice.

Handicap Seating

If anyone needs handicapped seating, please stop at the HS Main office to make arrangements.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why are some activities mandatory to attend?

- ❖ It is a school day, and you are required by law to be in attendance. **This includes cyber students.**

Can I leave when I am done with my finals?

- ❖ No.

What am I responsible for completing before the upcoming events?

- ❖ You must complete all coursework, finals, senior culminating projects, and disciplinary consequences. You must be proficient in reading, writing, math & science. This includes any makeup work and other academic responsibilities at the GACTC.

What if I am scheduled to work or have other plans during any of these activities?

- ❖ It is important for you to tell your employer that you cannot work during this time frame; you are required by law to be in school. Working is not an excused absence. You must attend all mandatory events to participate in the Commencement Ceremony.

How do I know if I have any fines? Where and how do I pay them?

- ❖ Log into sapphire. On the left-hand column click “fees”, you will see any fines owed. All fines must be paid in the high school main office. Cash or checks will be accepted. **If paying with cash, please bring exact change.** A receipt will be issued upon payment.

Commencement Pictures

Envelopes will be distributed to students who wish to order pictures during their last practice session. If you are ordering, give your envelope to the photographer at commencement that evening.

Chromebooks

- ✓ All students who have been issued a Chromebook will need to turn it in prior to the senior walk on Tuesday, May 26, 2026.
- ✓ Failure to turn in the device will result in a fine for the replacement value of the device. *As with any fine, it must be settled before your senior checkout is completed.*
- ✓ **Tasd.us Google accounts for graduating seniors will be deleted over the summer.** After senior checkout, you may follow the procedure at <https://takeout.google.com> to transfer your account content to a personal Google account before it is removed. You must initiate this process by June 30th to assure it is completed before your tasd.us account is deleted.

Transcripts

Order your final transcript now

Do you know where you'll be sending your transcript when your final grades are in?

If the answer is yes, then place your order now. Your transcript won't be sent until your final grades are on it. Why wait?

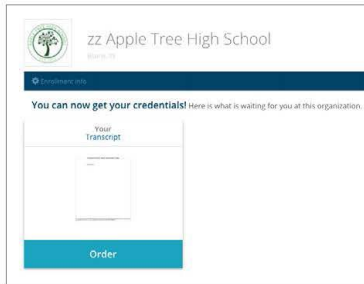
TO ORDER YOUR FINAL TRANSCRIPT:

1. **Sign in** to your Parchment account.
 - If you forgot your password, no problem! Simply click the **Forgot Password** link to reset it.
 - If you don't have a Parchment account yet, **create an account** now.



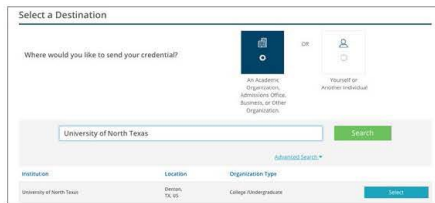
The screenshot shows a sign-in form with two input fields: "Email address or username" and "Password". Below the fields is a green button labeled "SIGN IN".

2. Click **Order**.



The screenshot shows a page titled "zz Apple Tree High School" with a "Your Transcript" section. A blue "Order" button is visible at the bottom of the transcript section.

3. Search for the destination that you want to send your final transcript to. When you find it, click **Select**.



The screenshot shows a search interface titled "Select a Destination". It asks "Where would you like to send your credential?" and offers options for "An Institution, Organization, Administrative Office, Business, or Other Organization" and "Yourself or Another Individual". A search bar contains "University of North Texas" and a "Search" button is next to it. Below the search bar is a table with columns for Institution, Location, and Organization Type.

Institution	Location	Organization Type
University of North Texas	Denton, TX, US	College Undergraduate



4. Under **When do you want this sent?**, select **Hold for Grades**. This means the transcript won't be sent until this semester's grades are on it. Click **Save & Continue**. You'll click **Save & Continue** again after reviewing your order.

Order Details

Your order has NOT been placed yet.

Item(s) being ordered:


<p>FROM zz Apple Tree High School Blaine, IN</p>	<p>TO Cristin Dee cdee11@parchment.com</p>	<p>Delete this item</p>						
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5. Give consent and click **Save & Continue**. On the next screen, you'll enter payment information and you're done!

Provide Consent

I authorize Parchment to release my academic credentials from zz Apple Tree High School to the destinations I select.

Sign here with mouse or finger:



[Clear Signature](#)

Type Name:

I certify under penalty of law that I am the individual identified above and I am authorized to take this action.

[Save & Continue](#)

A FEW RESOURCES

[Download the Parchment guide to ordering transcripts](#)
[Watch the ordering video](#)
[Watch the tracking video](#)



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Permission Form

This form covers the following Senior Activities:

Senior Breakfast, Rehearsals, Senior Excellence Awards Night, and Commencement.

I hereby give consent to have my son/daughter, _____, attend the activities listed at the bottom of this form.

I hereby assume full responsibility for any injury to my son/daughter during any or all these events, providing precautions are taken by having an instructor/advisor with the group.

(The signature of the Parent/Guardian is REQUIRED before participating.)

Address:	
Phone:	Emergency Phone:

Please include any medical information you feel is pertinent below.

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Check Appropriate Boxes:

Will attend _____ Will **NOT** attend _____ **Senior Breakfast & Checkout (Wed. May 27) ***

Will attend _____ Will **NOT** attend _____ **Practices (Wed. May 27th, Thur. May 28th, & Fri. May 29th) ***

Will attend _____ Will **NOT** attend _____ **Senior Excellence Awards Night (Wed. May 27th) ***

Will attend _____ Will **NOT** attend _____ **"Thank you" note correspondence for award recipients-if applicable (Thursday May 28th)***

Will attend _____ Will **NOT** attend _____ **Commencement (Fri., May 29th) ***

I hereby acknowledge completing this form and understand events in BOLD * are required to participate in the 2026 Commencement Ceremony on May 29th. Failure to attend the required events may result in my son/daughter not being allowed to attend the Commencement Ceremony.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Print Name of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Student

Print Name of Student

Date

All seniors: return this form to the Main Office NO LATER than Friday, May 1, 2026

Senior Check Out Form

Student Name: _____

NOTE: *If checkout is not complete and all fines paid, your cap and gown will not be distributed, nor will you be allowed to participate in graduation activities. If you have selected not to participate in the commencement ceremony your diploma will be available for pickup in the high school main office Monday, June 1, 2026.*

Complete this portion by May 27th (Bring this form to checkout with you after the Senior Breakfast; do not turn it in ahead of time!!!)

CLASS BOOKS RETURNED: Failure to get a signature for every period (including study hall) will result in not being able to complete your checkout.

Period	Class	Books Returned	Any Fines	Teacher' Signature	Date
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					

Locker Clean Out (Adv. Teacher):	
Senior Post Graduation Survey (HS Main Office):	
Chromebook (Tech):	
Parking Tag (HS Main Office):	
Fines (Mr. Rhoades):	

**THIS COMPLETED FORM MUST BE TURNED
TO RECEIVE YOUR CAP & GOWN ON CHECKOUT DAY
WEDNESDAY MAY 27, 2026**