



## Class of 2026 Newsletter

Congratulations to Gibson Ek's class of 2026! This newsletter is meant to help families sort through the many requirements, deadlines, and celebrations packed into May and June. Information will be updated on the Seniors page of the Gibson Ek website (<https://gibsonek.isd411.org/student-life/seniors>).

**GRADUATION CELEBRATION**  
**Friday, June 12**  
**2:00 PM**  
**Longman Performing Arts Center at**  
**Issaquah High School**

### Meeting Graduation Requirements

Seniors must be cleared by their advisor, counselor, and administrator. Staff will verify that the following requirements have been met, starting in early June:

- Competencies
- Capstone Project
- Internship
- Math
- Writing Portfolio
- Learning Plans
- Exhibitions (including final June reflection)
- Graduation Pathway (state tests, etc.)
- High School & Beyond Plan
- Senior Exit Survey
- Fines Cleared
- Laptop Returned

### Graduation Ceremony

On Friday, June 12, at 2 p.m., the Class of 2026 will graduate in the Longman Performing Arts Center at Issaquah High School. Once a student is checked off for all requirements on June 9, they receive four free tickets. Additional tickets (up to 10 total) are available for purchase (\$10 each) starting June 1 (pick up June 9).

### KEY DATES

<b>May 7</b>	Last senior progress report (mid LC 4)
<b>May 8</b>	Senior slideshow pictures due
<b>May 29</b>	Last day to submit project/capstone evidence to learning portfolio Prom at Pickering Barn 7-9 p.m.
<b>June 1</b>	Grad tickets go on sale through June 11 Senior surveys due
<b>June 4</b>	Last day of internships
<b>June 5</b>	Last day for math quizzes Last day of design lab
<b>June 5</b>	Yearbook distribution
<b>June 8-9</b>	Senior Exhibitions
<b>June 9</b>	Senior check out @ noon Return laptops Final graduation requirement check Senior transcripts finalized Grad ticket pick up
<b>June 10</b>	Senior Breakfast @ 10:00 a.m. Grad Rehearsal @ 10:30 a.m. Sr. Recognition Assembly @ 11:30 a.m.
<b>June 11-16</b>	No school for seniors
<b>June 12</b>	Graduation @ 2 p.m. <i>Graduates arrive @ Issaquah High School by 1:15 p.m. Doors open at 1:30 p.m.</i>
<b>June 15-17</b>	Diploma pickup in the main office

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Please contact your student's advisor with questions about academic progress or graduation status.

Contact Cathy Grizzel in the main office for any questions about graduation ticket sales, or to request accessible seating accommodations during the ceremony: [grizzelc@issaquah.wednet.edu](mailto:grizzelc@issaquah.wednet.edu)

## EVENT DETAILS

### Caps, Gowns, and Announcements

All seniors who ordered a cap and gown have received items from Jostens. If you haven't, then visit the [Jostens website](#) ASAP to order. A cap and gown are required to participate in the ceremony. Seniors may decorate their caps with school-appropriate images or decor that doesn't block the view of the person sitting behind them.

### Senior Slideshow

Please submit pictures of seniors (elementary, middle, or high school; solo or group pics) to the [Senior Slideshow Google form](#) (Google sign-in required) by Friday, **May 8**. The slideshow will run during rehearsal and the senior recognition assembly. Seniors will receive a link to the show to download.

### Prom

Prom is Friday, **May 29**, 7-9:00 p.m. at Pickering Barn (1730 10th Ave NW, Issaquah). Gibson Ek **juniors and seniors** and their approved guests are invited to attend.

Cost: \$35 w/ASB, \$40 w/out ASB

Tickets on sale May 18-29. **TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR**

*Signed guest passes are due to the main office Wednesday, May 27.*

### High School & Beyond Plan & Senior Survey

All seniors **must** complete the [Senior Survey](#) by **June 1**. Seniors will receive the link in early May.

Gibson Ek students meet the state's requirement of the High School & Beyond Plan once they have submitted each of the following:

- Final Learning Cycle 4 Learning Plan that includes a statement of the post-high school plan
- Updated resume
- Completed June Exhibition

### Yearbooks

Yearbooks will be distributed on **June 5** during Exploration Studio.

### Senior Exhibitions

Advisors will schedule exhibitions for all seniors on **June 8 & 9**.

## Senior Check-out

At the end of the day on **June 9 (noon)**, seniors check out in the main office:

- Verify all graduation requirements are met
- Finalize transcripts
- Turn in laptops
- Pay any outstanding fines
- Pick up four free graduation tickets and any tickets that were purchased online

## Senior Breakfast and Rehearsal - Mandatory for all students attending graduation

**June 10** at 10:00 a.m. PTSA hosts the Senior Breakfast in the Commons

Rehearsal follows the breakfast and includes final details about the ceremony

## Senior Recognition and Send Off

**June 10** seniors are celebrated by the whole school at 11:30 a.m.

## No School for Seniors June 11-16

Seniors do not come to campus after June 10, except to pick up their diplomas or if they are invited by another student to attend that student's exhibition.

## Graduation Tickets

Every graduate receives up to four tickets for free. Families can purchase additional tickets (up to 10 total) for \$10 online or in the main office **June 1-10**. If additional tickets remain after the June 10 pick up, they will be made available for purchase on June 11 in the building. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

## Graduation Ceremony

**June 12** at the Longman Performing Arts Center at Issaquah High School.

1:15 p.m.: Seniors arrive at Issaquah High School

1:30 p.m.: Doors open for family seating. If you or someone in your group needs accessible seating, please contact Cathy Grizzel at [grizzelc@issaquah.wednet.edu](mailto:grizzelc@issaquah.wednet.edu).

2:00 p.m.: Ceremony begins

## Final Transcripts

Gibson Ek will mail one official transcript to the student's college/program. To request an official transcript, [please complete this form](#).

## Diplomas

Students can pick up their official diplomas in the main office on June 15 & 16, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

## Ceremony Pictures & Video

A professional photographer and videographer will capture the graduation ceremony. Once pictures and the video are ready for download, we will send the link to families (using the email addresses in Skyward), usually before the end of June.