

HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2026 YEAR END SUMMARY OF EVENTS

Congratulations to the Class of 2026! The staff and administration of Highlands School District are excited to celebrate this accomplishment. The list below summarizes important upcoming dates/activities:

Friday, May 29th

- Spring Sanity

Monday, June 1st

- Last day of classes for seniors
- Obligations and failures are finalized
- Bring Chromebook for release Periods 2 and 3
- Senior Banquet, Natrona Heights VFW (6:00–9:00 P.M.)

Tuesday, June 2nd

- Wear your senior shirt
- First day of Commencement rehearsal
-Report to gymnasium after homeroom
- Distribution of caps and gowns
-If you already have your cap and gown, please bring it with you today.
- Senior Walk to elementary/middle schools (9:00 A.M.)
- Lunch at 10:30am

Wednesday, June 3rd

- Wear business casual attire and the shoes you are wearing graduation day
- Second day of Commencement rehearsal
-Report to gymnasium after homeroom
- Senior Awards Assembly (9:00 A.M.)
- Last chance for Chromebook release
- Distribution of Senior Banners
- Lunch at 10:30am

Thursday, June 4th

- Lunch at 10:58am if you are riding the bus to school or want a lunch.
- Third day of Commencement rehearsal, report to the football field at 11:30 A.M. (weather depending)
- Chalk the Walk, food trucks and DJ Michael Zeiler (High School Courtyard 4:00–6:00 P.M.)
- Senior Parade (6:00 P.M.)

Friday, June 5th

- Final Commencement rehearsal, report to football field at 9:00 A.M.
- Graduates will receive their tickets and handicap parking passes.
- Commencement Exercises at **6:00 P.M.** (report to MS cafeteria at 5:00 P.M.)

COMMENCEMENT REQUIREMENTS & EXPECTATIONS

Commencement Exercises will be held on Friday, June 5, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. at Golden Rams Stadium. In the event of rain, Commencement will be moved indoors to the High School Gymnasium.

Commencement exercises are an important event characterized by formality and tradition. To ensure that students are prepared, seniors who have successfully met the requirements for a high school diploma are required to attend rehearsals beginning Tuesday, June 2, 2026.

Expectations for Rehearsal

1. All students **MUST** attend each rehearsal. Students will report to homeroom each morning for official attendance.
2. Students are not permitted to miss rehearsal for work, doctor appointments, or any other event.
3. Proper school dress is required during rehearsal days.

4. Lunch will be provided in the high school cafeteria after rehearsal. Students are NOT permitted to leave or order food to be delivered.
5. Students must follow all school guidelines and procedures for appropriate and respectful behavior during rehearsal.
6. Any senior who fails to meet these expectations will not be permitted to participate in Commencement exercises.

Staff Contacts

- **Mrs. Stack** – Senior Class Sponsor
 - **Mr. Silverman** – handicap parking for day of graduation
 - **Mr. Zeiler** – obligations such as detentions, textbooks, uniforms, or fees
 - **Mrs. Eckenrod** – picture forms
 - **Mrs. Katz** – commencement speakers
 - **Mrs. Ferrante** – marching supervisor
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GRADUATION TICKETS

On the final day of rehearsal, students will receive two sets of tickets for guest seating at Commencement.

- Each senior will receive **two (2) Reserved Seating tickets** for Golden Rams Stadium. These tickets, in the center section of the bleachers, ensure that all students have representation in this section. No additional tickets will be made available for reserved seating.
- All other guests are welcome to celebrate and be seated in the general admission sections of the stadium where tickets are not required.

If Commencement is moved indoors due to inclement weather:

- Each senior will receive **four (4) tickets** for admission to the gymnasium.
 - All other guests will be directed to the auditorium to view a live broadcast.
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CAPS & GOWNS

Cap and gown distribution will occur on June 2nd. A cap and gown are required to participate in Commencement exercises.

- If you did not order a cap and gown, it is **YOUR** responsibility to find one; the school does **NOT** have extras.
 - Caps **may not** be decorated. Students arriving with decorated caps will not be permitted to walk.
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DRESS CODE / ATTIRE

Appropriate attire is expected for the Commencement ceremony.

Examples include: White or light-colored shirts, dresses, ties, dress pants, and dress shoes.

Recommendation: Girls should avoid heels on the turf; flats or wedges are preferred. If you need appropriate clothing, please see any of the teacher helpers for assistance.

SENIOR OBLIGATIONS

All obligations owed to the school must be paid before a student receives a diploma. A list of students with obligations will be available at each practice. See **Mr. Zeiler** to return any owed items or to make up detention. Students failing to meet obligations will not receive their diploma until all obligations are met.

GRADUATION DAY

If graduation is held outdoors: Students must report to the Middle School Cafeteria **no later than 5:00 P.M.** where they will receive a corsage/rose and the stole. Staff will line up students in preparation for the ceremony. Diplomas will be issued in the Middle School Cafeteria immediately following the ceremony.

If graduation is held indoors: students are to report to the High School commons area. Diplomas will be issued in the High School commons area immediately following the ceremony.

SENIOR WEEK CALENDAR
Golden Rams • Class of 2026 • Graduation Week

Kickoff: Friday, May 29 — Spring Sanity

MONDAY June 1	TUESDAY June 2	WEDNESDAY June 3	THURSDAY June 4	FRIDAY June 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Last day of classes for seniors -Bring your Chromebook for release -Obligations and failures finalized -Senior Banquet Natrona Heights VFW (6:00–8:30 P.M.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Wear your senior shirt -Commencement rehearsal (Day 1) -Report to gym after homeroom -Caps & gowns distributed (bring yours if you already have it) -Senior Walk to elementary/middle schools (9:00 A.M.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Business casual + graduation shoes -Commencement rehearsal (Day 2) — report to gym after homeroom -Senior Awards Assembly (9:00 A.M.) -Senior Banners distributed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Commencement rehearsal (Day 3) — football field (11:30 A.M.) (weather depending) -Chalk the Walk + food trucks + DJ Zeiler HS Courtyard (4:00–6:00 P.M.) -Senior Parade (6:00 P.M.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Final Commencement rehearsal — football field (9:00 A.M.) -Tickets + handicap parking passes distributed -Commencement Exercises (6:00 P.M.) — report to MS cafeteria (5:00 P.M.)