

Mead High School Class of 2017 Graduation Packet



Mead High School

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Important Dates for MHS Seniors & Families

March 22 - April 7	Speaker Audition Sign Up - Sign up for audition to speak at Senior Night and Graduation Ceremony, see Harasi in the main office
April 7	Senior class picture during advisory
April 10, 11	Auditions will be held in the auditorium for Senior Night and Graduation speakers
April 21	Selected speakers for Senior Night Notified: Mr. Valette will contact all students who auditioned
April 28	Due date for baby pictures for Senior Slide Show: meadseniorslideshow@gmail.com
April 29 8:00 - 11:00 pm	Prom at The Denver Aquarium, 700 Water St, Denver, CO 80211
May 1	Payment due for all Fees/Fines: Including classroom and athletic fees. Credit cards accepted on Infinite Campus/Revtrak. Cash & check only see Harasi in the main office
May 11	Seniors write thank you cards in advisory
May 12	Senior Assembly during advisory
May 12	Deadline for arranging handicapped seating: Contact Penni, Campus Supervisor, in the main office or andersen_penni@svvsd.org
May 12 and May 15	Check in iPads & accessories in the Library, senior check out packet will be distributed at this time
May 17	Senior Checkout Packet due by 2:30 pm to Andi in Counseling
May 17	Seniors Last Day of School
May 23	9:00 - 9:30 Cap and gown pick up 9:30 - 11:15 Celebration and role model tour of feeder schools 11:15 - 12:30 Graduation Practice 12:30 Senior Barbeque
May 23 6:00 pm	Senior Night - MHS Auditorium
May 27, Saturday	Graduation Ceremony, 11:00 am - Mav Stadium <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8:45 - 9:30 arrive at Mead Middle School to board bus for Mead High ● 10:00 seniors arrive at Mead High School ● 10:15 senior picture ● 10:30 line up for commencement walk

Senior Check Out Packet

The packet will be available in the library **only after** iPads and accessories have been checked in. Seniors are required to complete the packet, submit senior survey and pay fees/fines prior to receiving graduation regalia. Seniors return your completed form to Andi in Counseling by 2:30, Friday, May 17th.

Senior Night, Tuesday, May 23 @ 6:00 pm, MHS Auditorium

Seniors email pictures in a .jpg format to meadseniorslideshow@gmail.com - by April 28th. Photos submitted in any other format or without a proper name will not be used in the slide show. Please submit your formal senior picture and baby picture for the slide show. Please make sure that the photos are labeled with the senior's full name only, i.e. doe-jane.jpg (not the camera doc number or any other designation). Group photos may also be emailed but are NOT guaranteed to be included in the slide show.

Senior Night and Graduation speakers

The audition process for Senior Night will be determined by Mr. Valette and staff. Seniors who wish to audition for Senior Night must sign up by April 7th with Harasi. Seniors bring a hard copy of your speech to the audition and be prepared to speak on stage in front of the selection committee. Please note that the Valedictorian and Salutatorian will each speak at graduation. Valedictorian and Salutatorian speeches must be approved by Mrs. Ayers by May 10th.

From the Counseling Office

Seniors will not be permitted to participate in the Graduation Ceremony if they fail to complete St Vrain's graduation credit requirements by Wednesday, May 17th. Grades for online courses outside of St Vrain and work-study requirements must be turned into Andi in Counseling by Monday, May 15th.

Colleges and universities will require graduates' final high school transcript, you will include where your final transcript will be sent on the check out packet. FINAL high school transcripts will be sent prior to June 7th.

To receive college class credit for FRCC and CU Succeed classes, students are responsible for requesting transcripts directly from those institutions to be sent to the college the student will be attending in the fall.

Graduation Practice - Tuesday, May 23th at 9:30 a.m.

Caps and gowns will be distributed between 9:30 - 10:00. Graduates will then board buses to celebrate their graduation at Mead Middle, Mead Elementary and Coal Ridge Middle Schools. Seniors will wear their cap & gown at this time. Graduation practice will begin at 11:15 am, upon completion seniors are invited to the first annual Senior Barbeque. Food, drinks and games will be provided in the grassy area in front of the portables. We are excited to welcome this new tradition as a way to celebrate our graduates, allow the seniors a time to say goodbye to old friends, and allow teachers the opportunity to congratulate students they've come to know.

Graduation Parking

Due to limited parking at Mead High School, we require all graduates to meet at Mead Middle School to ride a bus to MHS. Buses will shuttle back and forth from the middle to the high school starting at 8:45 am. Buses will also be available for families between 9:45 - 11:00 to shuttle to MHS. We encourage

parents to utilize this service or to carpool, if possible. Handicapped parking will be available at the back of the school. Persons needing such parking must enter at the northern most entrance of the school and request parking from the attendant who will be directing traffic.

Inclement Weather (Indoor Graduation)

In the event of inclement weather, graduation will be moved to the main gym. Due to limited space in the main gym, all attendees will be required to have a ticket for admittance. ***Each graduate will receive only 4 tickets for family members if the ceremony moves to the gymnasium.***

In order to allow family members/friends to observe graduation, the ceremony will be broadcast in the auditorium. Tickets will not be required for seating in the auditorium, but seats will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

In the case of inclement weather, the decision will be made to hold the ceremony indoors by 8:00 a.m. The message will be sent using Infinite Campus and social media outlets. Please be sure Infinite Campus is up to date with current phone numbers.

Graduation Photographs

As a special service for seniors and parents, Studio 5 will take two graduation photos

- class of 2017 group photo
- and as the graduate receives their diploma on stage

Ordering information will be provided. MHS is not responsible for the distribution and/or quality of the photos.

Graduates: To make the most of your photo, pause and smile as you receive your diploma. Keep your tassel to the right side of your cap.

Graduation Apparel Guidelines

Seniors are required to dress formally for Senior Night and Graduation. Graduates are encouraged to dress appropriately, (business casual). Students dressed inappropriately may be denied the opportunity to participate in the Graduation Ceremony.

Graduation Gowns

Gowns will be delivered folded up in a plastic bag along with the cap and tassel. Only district approved caps, gowns and cords may be worn at graduation.

- Maintaining the look and standardization of gowns, stoles, and cords maintains the pride and dignity of the graduation. Graduation robes for students are ordered through Jostens.
- Robes must be worn as issued. They will be zipped up the front for the ceremony and may not be modified in any way.
- Ropes, cords, stoles, pins and medals worn over the gown will be school-issued, and represent achievement. These will be distributed the morning of graduation.

Decorated Caps

Students are allowed to decorate their graduation caps for the ceremony. Only the flat, top area of the mortar board may be decorated. There may be nothing hanging down from any of the sides of the cap. Decorations must be flat on the surface of the cap 3-D creations are not allowed.

Graduation caps will be reviewed and approved in advance of the ceremony. If a cap is deemed inappropriate, a new cap will be issued to the student for the ceremony.

Caps may not contain any advertisement, symbols, words, slogans, patches or pictures that:

- reference drugs or controlled substances, tobacco, alcohol or weapons
- are of sexual nature
- by virtue of color, arrangement, trademark or other attribute denote affiliation with gangs or advocate drug use, violence, illegal activity or disruptive behavior which is detrimental to the safety and welfare of other students
- are obscene, profane, vulgar, lewd, or legally libelous
- threaten the safety and welfare of any person

Caps should be placed on the head so that the mortarboard is level, with the long point of the crown to the back. The front point should be worn down on the forehead. Do not tilt the cap backward or forward. Some students may need bobby pins to hold the cap in place.

Tassels

- MHS tassels are orange & black with a 2017 charm. The tassel is to be worn over the right temple
- Tassels should not be pinned or sewn; they should be permitted to hang naturally
- After the closing remarks, graduates will be instructed to move their tassel from the right to left. Wait for the announcement so that everyone is moving their tassel at the same time.

Honor Cords/Tassels

Based on accomplishments, students will receive cords, special regalia or additional tassels the morning of graduation. The following items will be issued to students who qualify:

- National Honor Society gold cord
- Energy Academy green cord
- Advanced Placement Scholars (six or more AP courses taken) red cord
- Students who have earned a cumulative 4.0 gpa or greater white cord.

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Important Graduation Information & Corrections

- Seniors who have achieved 4.0 GPA or higher will be recognized at Graduation
- **Graduation rehearsal & activities, Tuesday, May 23 begins promptly at 9:30**
- **Graduation ceremony, Saturday, May 27 begins promptly @ 11:00 am.**
Graduation is a formal event please dress appropriately
- Purses, bags or backpacks are not allowed in the gym or on the field. Please leave personal items in your car or at home during graduation practice, Senior Night and Graduation Ceremony. The gym will be unattended during graduation ceremony, MHS is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- Items not allowed during the Graduation Ceremony: air horns, beach balls, cow bells, whistles, etc. Please respect the decorum of the event.
- Graduates will only receive their diploma cover during the ceremony. Actual diplomas will be available in the main gym immediately following the ceremony. Graduates who do not pick up their diplomas will need to contact the main office, please call 720-494-3940 prior to visiting MHS.
- Parents and guests please sit in the bleachers or in designated seating area on the track. Lawn chairs or other seating devices will not be allowed on the track.
- Guests in need of handicapped seating should contact Penni Andersen, 720-494-3940 or andersen_penni@svvsd.org by May 12, to make arrangements.
- Student access to IC and Google accounts will be deleted in June. Please save the information you need from these accounts, i.e., unofficial transcript, class work and letters of recommendations to a personal device.
- **Seniors who violate the St Vrain Valley School District Code of Conduct may be denied participation in end of the year activities, including Senior Night and the Graduation Ceremony.**