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To: Midyear Graduates & Families

From: Brian Pittman, Principal
Karina Hernandez, Dean of Students

Subject: Mid-year Graduation Details

Congratulations on being so very close to reaching the significant goal of graduation! The purpose of this letter is to provide details regarding the mid-year graduation process and event and how it impacts other senior activities in which you / your senior may want to participate.

Fall Semester Activities & Tasks

- The official last day of school for mid-year graduates is January 22, 2026 (contingent upon successful completion of all remaining graduation requirements).
- If students plan to begin a college / university program in January 2026, students may finish their courses and exams prior to winter break. Proof of acceptance to a college or university for spring semester 2026 is due to Ms. Hernandez by November 20, 2025.
- Students graduating mid-year are responsible for completing all work their teacher assigns along with completing final exams by their designated last day of school (December 19, 2025 or January 22, 2026).
- Mid-year graduates must order their cap and gown by October 31, 2025 to ensure delivery by your last day of school. Contact Ms. Wall (jjwall@wcpss.net) if you have questions about caps & gowns.
<https://bit.ly/AFHSGradOrder>
- By the last day of school:
 - o **Students must turn in their parking pass to Student Services.** Students will be provided a partial refund as soon as is feasible. Passes are not able to be shared with another student.
 - o **Students must clear all fines with the front office.** Students should check PowerSchool for any fines and fees posted.
 - o **Students must return all school materials.** Students that have any school devices (Chromebook / hotspots) or textbooks must return those materials to the front office.
 - o **Students are required to complete the senior survey** prior to their last day of school. More information will be provided closer to the last day of school.
 - o **Students will need to export from their Google Drive.** Any documents that the student would like to access after graduation must be exported as the Google Drive will be erased after graduation.
<https://bit.ly/ExportGoogleDrive>.

Mid-Year Graduation Event

The event will be held on **Thursday, January 22** at 6:00pm in the Apex Friendship High School Auditorium. The day will happen on the following schedule.

- Seniors will arrive at 5pm to participate in a brief rehearsal of the ceremony.
- Guests may start entering the auditorium at 5:30pm to be seated for the event.
- Seniors will process into the auditorium at 6:00pm. We expect the ceremony will last about 45 minutes but no longer than one hour.

Details for the event include the following:

- Participation in the January 2026 graduation ceremony is optional. We assume that mid-year graduates will participate unless they notify us otherwise. Students who will not participate should email that to Ms. Hernandez (khernandez@wcpss.net).
- A cap and gown will be required to participate.
- Tickets are not required for the event, but in general there is room to support 10-15 guests per graduate.
- As with the spring graduation ceremony, students must be in good standing with the school in order to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Should the mid-year graduation ceremony be delayed due to winter weather or other unexpected events, the possible rescheduling dates will be as follows: (1) if possible, the event will be held on Friday, January 23 at either 12pm or 6pm depending on what is most feasible, and (2) if option 1 is not feasible, on the first available date where the campus can be safely opened.

Senior Activities

Below are some details that will help to provide guidance for any activities that follow graduation.

- To be clear, after the graduation date, the graduates are no longer students of Apex Friendship High or the Wake County Public School System.
- Mid-year graduates who wish to attend the 2026 prom will need to do so as an approved guest of a current student. No exceptions will be made to this.
- Mid-year graduates who wish to participate in Senior Awards Day and/or the Senior Picnic in June 2026 will need to request to do that in writing to the principal. This request will be approved unless there is reason to believe that the individual being present will cause disruption to the event. In this scenario, the principal will deny the request to attend. Any requests related to this must be received by April 10, 2026.
- Mid-year graduates who wish to participate in the June 11, 2026 graduation ceremony will need to request this in writing by no later than April 10, 2026. This request will be approved unless there is reason to believe that the individual being present will cause disruption to the event. In this scenario, the principal will deny the request to attend.

We will work with mid-year graduates throughout the fall semester to get them ready for graduating and the commencement event. There may be questions that we have not anticipated about this process. Please feel free to contact Mr. Pittman (bpittman@wcpss.net) or Ms. Hernandez (khernandez@wcpss.net) with any questions.

Please let us know how we can make this special event amazing for your family!