

ATHENS DRIVE
Magnet HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2024



MID-YEAR GRADUATION GUIDE

Thursday, February 1, 2024
MID-YEAR GRADUATION

5:00 PM (*Graduates must report by 4:00 PM!!*)
Athens Drive Auditorium

PLEASE REPORT TO THE AUDITORIUM BY 4:00pm FOR A BRIEF REHEARSAL!

IF YOU ARE NOT AT THE REHEARSAL BY 4:00pm, THEN YOU WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE MID-YEAR GRADUATION EXERCISE!

SPECIAL NOTES TO THE GRADUATING CLASS

1. Extra tassels will NOT be available at Graduation. You must have it to participate in the ceremony!
2. The first 4 rows of the Auditorium (center section) are reserved for the Graduates. Also of note: parents & guests will not be permitted to sit ahead of the graduates on the side sections –these will be marked off.
3. This is a time of celebration and every Graduate has earned the right to hear their name called, so please remember that this is a formal event and appropriate etiquette is kindly requested.

GRADUATION REHEARSAL-NO GRADUATING SENIOR CAN MISS THE PRACTICE!

Thursday, February 1, 2024, Athens Drive High School Auditorium @ 4:00PM

***4:00 P.M. - Senior Class reports to Athens Drive High School Auditorium.**

***4:00 P.M. - If you are not present at this time your name will be pulled from the list of Graduates and you WILL NOT PARTICPATE IN THE MID-YEAR GRADUATION EXERCISE!**

- Caps and gowns should be worn to practice!

- Names will be placed in the seats in the alphabetical order that seniors are to be presented for diplomas.
- Seniors should find their assigned seats and SIT DOWN to wait for instructions from advisors. The front 4 rows in the center section are reserved for Graduates.
- Mr. Remaley will give instructions, after which seniors will practice until the procedure is clear and correct. Full cooperation on the part of everyone will make the rehearsal shorter.
- Seniors participating in the program (class officers, administrators, counselors and guests) will come onto the stage from the rear prior to the Graduates entering the Auditorium. Once the stage personnel are in place the Graduates will march in led by marshalls.
- After the graduation program is over marshals will lead the class out for the recessional.
- Seniors will rehearse the processional, recessional, getting on and off stage, and standing and sitting as a class.
- The rehearsal will be dismissed ONLY when administration feel that there has been sufficient practice to insure an orderly graduation!
- Rehearsal should only take 15-20 minutes max, after which time the Graduates may go and “freshen” up a bit before returning to the Hallway leading to the Band/Choral rooms by 4:55pm.

ATTIRE FOR GRADUATES DURING GRADUATION

WOMEN

1. Simple, lightweight dress or dress pants under Graduation robes. (No jeans or shorts).
2. Shoes should be classy and comfortable for walking! ”Peep-toe” shoes are okay. (No TENNIS SHOES or FLIP FLOPS!)
3. Minimal Jewelry. No jewelry on outside of Cap & Gown!
(NO LARGE EARRINGS!)
4. Hairstyle which will fit under graduation cap.

MEN

1. White/light colored dress shirt, and dark tie.
(bow ties can be worn, just look classy!
NO BRIGHT COLORS!)
2. Dress pants – dark blue, gray, black, tan, (NO JEANS, CARGOS, SWEATPANTS, SHORTS, etc)
3. Dress shoes – (NO deck shoes
Tennis Shoes, topsiders, flip flops
OR Boots!)
4. Suit coats may be worn, but are hot.

CONDUCT

1. We want this to be a happy time for you, but we also want it to be a dignified ceremony.
2. All school rules apply to all graduation activities.
3. NO GUM – NO SMOKING while in cap and gown.
4. Students not on time will NOT go through the ceremony.

YOU CANNOT DECORATE THE TOP OF YOUR GRADUATION CAP!

GRADUATION ETIQUETTE

1. Caps & gowns should always be worn in a dignified way. Be sure the gowns are neatly pressed. WARNING: USE A COOL IRON AS THE GOWNS WILL MELT! (One suggestion often made is to hang the gown up in a bathroom and to let the warm air from the shower slowly pull out the wrinkles.)
2. Caps are always worn straight on the head, parallel to the floor, by both men and women. (This will be adjusted as needed before you enter the Auditorium.) **DO NOT DECORATE YOUR CAP! NO EXCEPTIONS!**
3. The tassel is always worn over the *right* temple. The tassel will be turned at the conclusion of the ceremony to show your new status as a Graduate.
4. The diploma is received with the right hand. The principal's left hand is extended with the Diploma student's will accept it with their right hand.
5. As the diplomas are presented, **PLEASE DO NOT APPROACH THE FRONT OF THE STAGE!**
6. After receiving your diploma, proceed across the stage and down the stairs and join your group. Follow directions of the staff who are there to assist you, and you can exit the auditorium.