

# **A Commencement Guide For Seniors and Their Parents**



**The Class of 2025**



**Nineteenth Commencement Exercise  
Auburn Mountainview High School**

# Special Senior Events

**Cap and Gown Distribution** — Thursday, April 3 during both lunches in the Commons;  
*then in the Main Office after April 3rd*

**Commencement Speaker Orientation** — Monday, April 14

*During lunch in Room 116 – further info available in Room 119*

**College Signing Assembly** — Wednesday, May 28 in Gym 10:00am

*(All-School Assembly)*

**Senior Presentations** — Friday, May 30 10:00am

*Parents are welcome to attend*

**Graduation Ticket Distribution** — Thursday, June 5

*Just outside the Career Center (times to be announced - watch for Instagram post as well)*

**Senior Prom** — Saturday, June 7

*Des Moines Beach Park Auditorium*

*22030 Cliff Ave S Building D, Des Moines, WA 98198*

*8pm – 11pm \*Must enter by 9:30pm*

**Senior Awards Assembly** — Monday, June 9

*Gym @ 1:30pm (All-School Assembly)*

**Senior Awards Night** — Monday, June 9

*TAM @ 6:30pm (students must arrive @ 5:30pm sharp) Must wear Grad Gown (no caps)*

**Senior Finals** — June 10, 11 & 12: Tuesday (per 1 & 4), Wednesday (per 2 & 5),

**Thursday (per 3 & 6)**

*(regular bell schedule)*

**Seniors: “Make ‘Em Weep,” Rehearsal, Lunch & Video Friday, June 13**

*Seniors take a bus trip down memory lane; seniors go to gym for graduation ceremony practice, followed by lunch & senior video in the TAM. Arrive by 9:00am and release from school at 12:45pm*

**Graduation Commencement** — Saturday, June 14

*Auburn Memorial Stadium @ 9:30am. Graduates arrive at AMHS Main Gym @ 7:30am.*

*Wear AMHS Grad Cap & Gown, cords and medallions only over proper graduation attire.*

**Grad Night Party 2023** — Saturday, June 14

*Depart from AMHS bus zone @ 10:00pm return @ 6:00am*

**Diploma Pick Up** — Available Wednesday, July 9

*Issued from Bookkeeper's Office between 8:00am – 2:00pm*

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### **Tickets — June 5**

Each graduating senior will receive eight (8) admission tickets (no charge). Tickets will be released to graduates only (no exceptions) upon presentation of ID on Thursday, June 6th. Ticket distribution is based upon the district facility accommodations. Those graduates who need additional tickets may request up to two (2) extra at time of ticket pick-up. Extra tickets will be available on Tuesday, June 10th. We will do our best to accommodate requests but cannot guarantee all tickets requested will be available. Seniors who remain in jeopardy of graduating will only receive tickets upon written verification from their counselors that graduation requirements have been met.

### **Senior Awards Assembly — June 9**

The Senior Awards Assembly is on Monday, June 9th at 1:30pm in the gym. During this event we will honor our seniors with academic extracurricular achievements and special awards with the entire student body in attendance. Blue honor cords to be worn on graduation day will be presented for Department Students of the Year for both academic and citizenship categories. Parents are welcome to attend.

### **Senior Awards Night — June 9**

The Senior Awards Ceremony will take place on Monday, June 9th at 6:30pm in the TAM. During this special event we will honor our seniors with academic achievements, special awards, and scholarships.

*Students must arrive by 5:30pm for rehearsal no exceptions. Must wear graduation gown—no caps*

Honor cords to be worn on graduation day will also be presented and include recognition for honor graduates with an accumulated GPA of 3.2–4.0. Parents and family members are welcome and encouraged to attend this important and memorable event. If your student is going to receive an award, parents will receive a personal invitation. All senior class members are welcome to attend.

### **Graduation Practice — June 13**

All graduates must report to the AMHS Main Gym on Friday, June 13th at 10:30am for graduation walk through. Students who miss this practice may lose their seat assignment and walking partner.

## **Graduation**

**Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025**

**Place: Auburn Memorial Stadium**

**Time: Ceremony begins at 9:30am**

Graduates please be in the AMHS Main Gym by 7:30am for the final rehearsal. Please be prompt.

Auburn Memorial Stadium gates open to ticket holders at 8:15am. Please plan on arriving at the stadium by 9:00am to allow time for seating. **Please note: Commencement begins as the graduates cross the field. Guests arriving after the ceremony begins will be seated in section A on the Home Side (white tickets) or in section J on the Visitor's Side (blue tickets).**

### **General Parking and Seating**

Seating will be assigned by section depending on where your student is sitting. Please see the back of your ticket for your assignment. Parking is offered in the following areas: The large parking lot on 4th street by the baseball field, Administration Building parking lot, or on the streets in the area. Fourth Street NE will be closed to vehicles from 3rd Street to H Street from 8am to 6pm.

### **Handicapped Parking and Seating**

Please request special handicapped seating passes in the Activities Office after June 2nd. This special pass will not reserve you an individual seat but will allow up to four (4) people to sit in a designated area for guests with special needs. Please plan on arriving early as this section quickly fills up. Other family members are expected to sit in general seating. Special parking is also available with this pass. You will be allowed to enter 4th Street to deliver disabled person(s) and park in the lot across from the pool, on a first come, first served basis until filled.

### **Camera/Video Recorders**

Professional photographs will be taken of each graduate throughout the ceremony. These will be made available for purchase after commencement. Information on commencement photographs will be distributed to graduates when they pick up their tickets.

You may take pictures from your seat; however, no one will be allowed to take pictures in the aisles or near the walkway railings. No tripods will be permitted.

### **Senior Lineup**

Seniors must be in the AMHS gym by 7:30am on the day of graduation for rehearsal. PLEASE BE PROMPT. Only graduates and faculty will be allowed in the gym. Graduates must have their caps, gowns, and tassels prior to entering the gym. Do not bring any other items with you.

After rehearsal, students will take school buses down to Auburn Memorial stadium for the ceremony and will be released to party in the street with their families immediately after graduation. Please discuss a rendezvous point with your graduate to meet up after the ceremony. Buses will be available for students needing to come back to AMHS, or students can ride home with family and friends.

### **Appropriate Attire**

All graduating seniors will wear official caps with tassels, gowns, and stoles along with AMHS issued cords and/or medallions for commencement exercises. Culturally appropriate stoles and head coverings are permitted. If you have not yet ordered your cap and gown, contact Jostens at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com) or call 206-931-4723 immediately. In addition to caps, gowns, and stoles graduates are expected to dress appropriately for a ceremony of this nature.

**Guidelines:** Sportscoats and jackets should not be worn under robes. Sunglasses will not be permitted. A low hairstyle, so the mortarboard will fit properly, is recommended. Flat-heeled shoes are recommended. Please, no flip-flop style sandals (beach shoes). Students are welcome to decorate their graduation caps with school appropriate messages and decorations.

### **Diploma Pick Up**

Diplomas will be available for pick up beginning Wednesday, July 9th between 8:00am – 2:00pm at the Bookkeeper's Office. You will be unable to get your diploma if you have unpaid fines/fees, owe Thursday Night School, or have not earned the required credits for graduation.

### **Code of Conduct During Commencement**

Only appropriate behavior will be accepted. Graduation is a traditional ceremony holding dignity for all, including participants, parents, and guests.

### **Audience**

Please arrive with plenty of time to be seated prior to the 9:30am start of the commencement exercises.

**Please note: Commencement begins as the graduates cross the field. Guests arriving after the ceremony begins will be seated in section A on the Home Side (white tickets) or in section J on the Visitor's Side (blue tickets).**

All guests must remain seated until the entire program is completed. **Balloons will not**

**be permitted** in the seating area as they obstruct the view of others. Cell phones must be turned off. **Strollers, bullhorns, air horns, and other noise makers are not allowed in the stadium.**

Please withhold applause during the diploma presentation since shouting, cheering, and applauding as an individual crosses the stage can cause the next graduate's name not to be heard by the audience.

### **Students**

Alcohol and/or tobacco use is not permitted and any student who is found to have been using alcohol or other drugs will not be allowed to participate in the ceremonies. The use of alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs are strictly forbidden at any school district event.

Students will not be allowed to make inappropriate comments or gestures when they receive their diplomas.

Inappropriate behaviors will require completed community service hours prior to diploma being released.

## **Senior Grad Night 2025 (Non-district event)**

What: Grad Night is an overnight graduation party. A once in a lifetime opportunity to celebrate your graduation with your class. Grad Night is planned by parents and put on for our graduating seniors. It's an all-inclusive event and your ticket covers activities, entertainment, food, transportation to our secret locations as well as security and medical staff.

When: Saturday, June 14th leaving at approximately 10:00pm. Graduates will be transported by bus from AMHS and will return on Sunday, June 16th around 6:00am.

Where: Secret locations around the Puget Sound!

Why: Grad Night was started by parents who wanted to provide a safe way for seniors to celebrate their accomplishments in a safe environment; free of alcohol and drugs, on what is historically a dangerous night for our kids.

Cost: \$150 for tickets paid in full by April 1st and the price will increase to \$175 for tickets sold after that date or any tickets not paid in full by April 1st. Payments can be made via the Booster Club website via credit card or cash/check made out to AMHS Booster Club dropped off in the school's Main Office labeled for Grad Night/Booster Club and the senior's name.

How Do Seniors Sign Up? Registration is available at [www.amhsbooster.org/Grad Night '25](http://www.amhsbooster.org/GradNight'25). Permission forms are also available on the website and at the in-person sign up days during lunches (advertised on social media and during school announcements).

**Any questions? Check out our website at [www.amhsbooster.org](http://www.amhsbooster.org)**

# Commencement Speaker Selection Process and Information

## **Speaker Orientation Meeting — Monday, April 14 during both lunches in Room 116**

*Pick up application – March 17-April 14 in Activities Office*

*Distribute and discuss timeline expectations, selection process, and criteria*

## **Applications Due to Mrs. Erdmann — Monday, April 14 by lunch time**

*Need parent signature*

*Need faculty recommendation signature*

## **Meet with Debate Coach Mr. Lewis — March 17-April 14**

*Email Mr. Lewis at [sclewis@auburn.wednet.edu](mailto:sclewis@auburn.wednet.edu) to arrange a time to meet*

## **Final Drafts Due to Mrs. Erdmann — April 25 by Noon**

## **Speaker Auditions — Tuesday, April 29 2:45-4:00pm in TAM**

*Present speeches to selection panel of teachers and students*

*The privilege of speaking at graduation is open to all graduating seniors. The length of the inspirational speech should be one minute or less and the commencement speeches should be approximately three minutes.*

*Interested seniors must satisfy the timeline listed above. Candidates who meet the following guidelines will present their speeches to representatives of the senior class and faculty. There will be three student speakers at graduation: A faculty selection, a student selection and an inspirational speaker. For more information, please see Mrs. Erdmann in the Activities Office.*

# **Auburn Mountainview High School**

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## **Administrative Staff**

Terri Herren, Principal  
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Frank Ramirez, Assistant Principal (H-O)  
Fawna Kuntzelman, Assistant Principal (P-Z)  
Kendall White, Dean of Students  
Sarah Erdmann, Activities Director  
Chris Carr, Athletics Director

## **Guidance Staff**

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Karla Motta (A-C)  
Sharon Wright (D-Ir/Pathways)  
Melissa Lemanski (Is-Moh/SLC and Department Head)  
Megan Hebner (Moi-San)  
Sara Brauner (Sao-Z)

## **Office Support Staff**

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