Washburn
Graduation 2020

Friday, May 29, 2020
8:00 pm
Minneapolis Convention Center
Auditorium
1301 2nd Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN  55403

What you need to know!
Dear Families and Graduating Seniors:

The Class of 2020 graduation is quickly approaching, and it’s time for us to pass along some information regarding the ceremony to you. The ceremony will be Friday, May 29, 2020, at 8:00pm at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

The information in this packet is representative of our effort to plan for a meaningful and memorable graduation ceremony.

Please read all the information regarding the 2020 graduation ceremony carefully. The guidelines and policies support our expectations for the ceremony.

We welcome your input. Congratulations to you and your graduate. If you have questions regarding the ceremony, or any information in this packet, please contact one of our Graduation Coordinators:

Michelle Terpening, 12th gr AP: 612-668-3406 michelle.terpening@mpls.k12.mn.us
Debbie Pierce, Counseling Clerk: 612-668-3502 deborah.pierce@mpls.k12.mn.us
Lisa Jensen, 12th grade Dean: 612-668-3504 lisa.jensen@mpls.k12.mn.us
## WHS Graduation 2020 Calendar

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To receive a diploma from Washburn High School, the following conditions must be met:

- Earn at least 21.5 credits.
- A minimum of the following must be completed:
  - 4.0 credits of Language Arts
  - 3.5 credits of Social Studies
  - 3.0 credits of Mathematics
  - 3.0 credits of Science
  - 0.5 credit of Physical Education
  - 0.5 credit of Health
  - 1.0 credit of Fine Arts
  - 6.0 other for total of 21.5

To walk in the graduation ceremony, the following conditions must be met:

- Must be clear of any financial obligations due to Washburn High School.
- Must be within .75 credits of the total required for graduation, (including passing all courses enrolled for quarter 4,) and enrolled in summer school or ALC to complete these.

Graduation status letters will be sent home at the beginning of 4th quarter. Students who do not satisfy diploma requirements should make an appointment with their counselor to make a plan to work toward a later graduation date.

Note: Students with active IEP’s must satisfy the terms of their Individual Education Plans in order to participate in graduation and receive their diploma.
OBLIGATIONS

Seniors must pay all obligations issued over their years with MPS Public Schools in order to walk in the graduation ceremony.

Obligations may include:

- Books (textbooks &/or library) from any Minneapolis Public School not returned to Media Center. See John McCreary or Chuck Smith in the Media Center.
- Testing and transcript fees not paid. See Debbie Pierce in the Counseling Office.
- Athletic fees not paid. See Deb Lilly in the Athletic Office.
- Sports equipment and uniforms not returned. See Herb Crowell in the Counseling Office.
- Restitution for vandalism or theft. See your Assistant Principal.
- Lunchroom fees. See Yvonne Hemphill in the Cafeteria.

Obligations must be paid before a student will receive their cap and gown and participate in the ceremony. Call 612-668-3502 for more information.

All fees must be paid no later than May 26th at 12:00 pm. Earlier is preferred to ensure receipt of cap and gown.

Students who need help paying fees can make a work plan with your Assistant Principal.

Payment Methods
- Checks – All checks must be payable to “Washburn High School”. The student’s first and last name and student ID must be written on all checks for proper credit and identification. No checks will be accepted after May 7th.
- Cash only beginning Friday, MAY 8th
CONDUCT

Graduation is a formal ceremony and recognition of achievement. It is the culmination of over twelve years of hard work by the student and it marks the start of the student’s independent life.

- In accordance with the solemnity of this rite of passage, we expect that everyone attending graduation will conduct himself or herself in a manner that honors the graduates. We ask that students and their guests show respect for everyone involved in the graduation ceremony.
- Please keep in mind that for some of the families of Washburn’s Class of 2020, this graduation might be their first. Likewise, many relatives might come long distances to see this ceremony. Your cooperation during graduation will be appreciated.
- **Most important is to be sure that cheering or talking does not prevent anyone from hearing what is being said on the stage. The audience should be quiet except for applauding & cheering at appropriate times.**
- Our goal is to keep graduation a dignified event. Anyone not adhering to this request for composure will be escorted from the ceremony.

DRESS CODE

Caps and gowns are provided for all students, and they are yours to keep after the ceremony. *Do not alter or decorate the caps or gowns – You will NOT be allowed on the stage.*

Students are encouraged to dress professionally in dresses/skirts, dress shirt/pants, or suits.

Students who earn stoles or cords may have them approved in advance for participation. Approval will be on a case-by-case basis. See Ms. Terpening with questions and for approval.

DIPLOMAS

During the graduation ceremony, students will be presented with empty diploma covers. After the ceremony students will go to the designated area to pick up their diplomas.

SENIOR PARTY

Students attending the senior party will leave directly from the Convention Center after picking up diplomas & taking photos with family. Bags & belongings can be stored in the staging area, which will have security monitoring the area all evening.

NO USE POLICY

Like all school-sponsored events, no students are allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony or the Senior Party if they are under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Any student or audience member suspected of being under the influence will be escorted out.
DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO THE MINNEAPOLIS CONVENTION CENTER
1301 SECOND AVE SOUTH MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55403
(612) 335-6000

From the West (I-94)
Take the 4th Street exit from I-94 and proceed to 2nd Avenue South. (Do NOT turn right onto 2nd Avenue North.) Turn right on 2nd Avenue South and go 8 blocks to Convention Center.

From the West (I-394)
Take Downtown exit (12th Street): follow 12th Street South to 2nd Avenue South and turn right. The Convention Center is on your left.

From the East (I-94)
Take the 11th Street exit: follow 11th Street South until you reach 2nd Avenue South, turn left onto 2nd Avenue South and cross 12th Street South. The Convention Center is on your left. The Underground Plaza Parking Ramp is on your right.

From the South (I-35W)
Follow downtown exit signs to the 11th Street exit and follow 11th Street to 2nd Avenue South. Turn left on 2nd Avenue South and go 1 block to Convention Center.

From the North (I-35W)
Take I-35W to Hwy 280. Follow Hwy 280 to I-94 west. Follow I-94 to the 11th Street exit (NOT 11th Avenue exit). Follow 11th Street to 2nd Avenue South. Turn left on 2nd Avenue South and go 1 block to the Convention Center.

From the Airport Main Terminal
Take Hwy. 55 exit from the airport. Follow Hwy. 55 west to Minneapolis. This will become Hwy. 62 west. Follow Hwy. 62 to I-35W north to Minneapolis downtown exits. Then take the 11th Street exit. Follow 11th Street South to 2nd Avenue South. Turn left on 2nd Avenue South and go 1 block to the Convention Center.

Entrances/Exits to Underground Plaza Parking Ramp
Enter either on 2nd Avenue South, or on 12th Street South. The Plaza Ramp has handicap parking – elevators and a skyway connect the Ramp to the Convention Center, allowing easy access for wheelchairs.

Public Entrances
There are four main public entrance rotundas located on 2nd Avenue S. & Grant Street, labeled "Ballroom Entrance," "Plaza 1," "Plaza 2" and "Plaza 3." Designated handicap-accessible entrances (power assisted doors) are adjacent to Plaza 3 (entrance closest to Wesley Church), and the 12th Street Entrance.
Public Transportation & Parking

Parking
Parking is easy to find at the conveniently located Minneapolis Convention Center. Across the street from the MCC is an underground ramp that is connected by a climate-controlled skyway system to the MCC and several downtown accommodations and attractions.

Within easy walking distance of the MCC there are a dozen parking ramps, most connected to the MCC by skyway.

Public transportation
The airport is a mere 15-minute cab ride away. Buses and taxis are readily available at the MCC, the airport, Mall of America and at most hotels. Use Metro Transit's Trip Planner at metrotransit.org for easy door-to-door directions for buses and light-rail trains.

Take a free ride
Free bus rides are available on Nicollet Mall in downtown Minneapolis and to and from the Minneapolis Convention Center (MCC). This gives you an easy way to go from one end of town to the other – for free! The free service on selected routes between 3rd street and Washington Avenue is offered on buses marked "Free Ride." Other buses on Nicollet – and all within the Downtown Zone – charge 50¢.

Free-ride buses leave every 10 minutes on weekdays and every 15 to 30 minutes on weekends.

Skyways
One of Minneapolis' most unique assets is the skyway system. Linking most of downtown with above-ground climate-controlled walkways, the system will get you from the Minneapolis Convention Center to most spots in downtown Minneapolis without ever stepping outside.
Washburn High School
CLASS OF 2020
All Night Party

May 29—10pm to 4:30am!

Buses leave the Convention Center DON'T BE LATE!!!
Depart: 10pm | Return: 4:30am

$35 – Before May 1 | $50 – After May 1
No tickets sold after May 20
Partial scholarships are available
Contact Michelle Terpening 612-668-3406

Questions?
Contact Tina Ham Peterson
612-859-7679 | tinhampeterson@gmail.com

REFRESHMENTS, FOOD & ACTIVITIES!
Ice Skating • Volleyball • Caricatures
Fortune Tellers • Casino Games
Basketball • Swimming
Hypnotist • Magician • More!
Entertainment provided by Touch of Magic

GOOD TO KNOW
• Students must travel on bus
• Valuables should stay at home
• Alcohol, drugs, cigarettes, and vaping devices are not allowed
• Bags will be checked and students may be tested with breathalyzers
• Only Washburn seniors are welcome
• Possession of prohibited materials will mean immediate removal from the party and buses
• Graduates will be bussed to Washburn in the morning
• Bring gym clothes and shoes, ice skates (available for free use), swimming suit and towel

CONTACT INFORMATION

Student Name

Student Phone Email Address

Address

Address

Parent/Guardian Name(s)

Parent/Guardian Phone

PAYMENT
$35—Before May 1
$50—After May 1
No tickets sold after May 20
Donations make this event available to all graduates
Checks payable to Washburn

Admission

Donation

Total Payment

Please sign here: I have paid for admission to the Washburn High School All Night Senior Party.

This party can only happen with the support of parents of seniors. How can you help?

_____ Volunteer the night of the party
_____ Donate a gift card or other prize
_____ Donate food or drinks for the event

Parent Guardian Signature

The Washburn Parent Group, and Spring Plant Sale have helped make this party possible. Watch for plant sale order forms in late March.