



Class of 2018 Commencement Sunday, June 3rd, 5:30pm at the Memorial Coliseum

Dear Parent/Guardian of Madison Senior:

It is time to prepare for the commencement ceremony for the *Class of 2018*. We are working hard to make sure that this graduation will be a memorable occasion for all. There are always many questions and concerns about the actual event. Hopefully, the following will provide you with the information you need and answer all of your questions. Your student will receive a copy of this information at our mandatory senior meeting during ST time Thursday, March 22nd at 2:23pm in the auditorium.

1. To participate in the commencement your student MUST be present at the rehearsal.

- The rehearsal will be held at 9:00 am in the Memorial Coliseum on **Sunday, June 3rd**, in the *Georgia Pacific Room*; students should plan on being there for two hours.
- We have time constraints and must start and finish on time. During the rehearsal, we will run through the entire ceremony and students will be placed in their assigned seat so they are handed the correct diploma.

2. Directions to the Memorial Coliseum are as follows: I-84W to I-5N, exit I-5 at the Broadway exit. Continue one block north and take a left onto Broadway. Follow the signs to Rose Quarter parking.

3. Parking will be on the street or in the Rose Quarter Parking Lot. Parking is a minimum of \$10 per car so we encourage you to car pool. There are Tri-Met and MAX stops within walking distance to the Memorial Coliseum.

4. Graduation Ceremony Details

- Doors open at 4:15 pm on graduation day.
- **Dress Code for Graduates at Commencement:**
 - Dress for a special occasion: as though you were going to a job interview in an office, to church, or your grandmother's birthday party (depending on how formal your grandmother is).
 - Don't wear a suit or sport coat; it tends to be warm at the venue. **NO SUNGLASSES.**
 - Wear special occasion shoes (see above), but that are low enough that you can move easily and safely.
- In respect to each graduate and so that each name can be heard, we ask that the audience hold their applause until all the students have received their diplomas. *Additionally, we ask that you please silence your cell phones.*
- Please stay for the entire ceremony. Graduates will recess from the arena to the fountain court and then head upstairs to the front of the Coliseum. Prior to the ceremony, please make arrangements as to where to meet with your graduate immediately following the ceremony.

PPS Language Line

Español (503) 916-3582

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta acerca de este o cualquier otro documento que usted reciba de las Escuelas Públicas de Portland, por favor comuníquese con la Línea de Lenguajes de PPS para recibir una explicación en su idioma.

Tiếng Việt (503) 916-3584

Nếu quý vị có bất cứ thắc mắc gì về văn thư này hoặc về tài liệu nào nhận được từ Sở Học Chánh Portland, xin vui lòng liên lạc đường dây điện thoại ngôn ngữ "Language Line" để được giải thích bằng tiếng Việt.

中文 (503) 916-3585

假如您有任何疑問有關波特蘭公立學校寄給您的文件，請聯絡波特蘭公立學校的語言電話介時將有職員為您解答問題

Soomaaliga (503) 916-3586

Haddii aad hayso wax su'aalo ku saabsan tani ama wixii waraaqo ee aad ka hesho Dugsiyada Dadweynaha Portland, fadlan waxaad la xidhiidhaa khadka Luqadaha Dadweynaha Dadweynaha Portland si uu kuugu sharxo luqadaada.

Русский (503) 916-3583

Если у вас есть какие-либо вопросы по этому или какому-либо другому документу, полученному из Портленского государственного школьного округа (PPS), пожалуйста, позвоните на русскую линию PPS, чтобы получить объяснение на вашем языке.

Other Languages

(503) 916-3589

Non-native speakers with questions about English language documents they receive from Portland Public Schools, are encouraged to contact the PPS Language Line to receive an explanation in their language.



Seating:

- Tickets are General Admission so we encourage families to arrive early if they would like to sit together. Every individual (including infants) must have a ticket.
- Please be seated before 5:30pm. The procession of the graduates is an important part of the ceremony, and we want everyone to be able to see the event.
- Handicapped seating areas will be available; see an usher when you arrive. Signers may be provided for the hearing impaired if requested in advance. Call Monica in the main office for more details.

Photos:

- The main arena floor is for graduates and faculty only so you must take pictures of the ceremony from your seats.
- If you have a video camera, you must have battery-operated equipment. Tripods are not allowed as aisles cannot be blocked.
- Please gather all belongings from your student and take pictures prior to the student entering the coliseum.
- Professional photos (by Lifetouch) will be taken as each graduate receives their diploma. Information regarding how to purchase these will be available at the Coliseum.
- The ceremony will be taped by KPBS and broadcast on Channel 28. Videos can be purchased through TV Services (503) 916-5838.

“The 60 Day Rule”

The following school board policy is in effect as of Monday, April 2nd
*“Commencement Disqualification”: Seniors may be disqualified from participation in commencement exercises and related activities if within 60 days of the last senior school day they are found to be in violation of District Drug and Alcohol policy or **any violation** resulting in a disciplinary action Level 3 or greater.”*

All Night Grad Party- MADGRAD- Students may start registering for the MadGrad "All Night Grad Party." Registration forms can be found in the school office. Destination of the party will be revealed at 7:30pm immediately following commencement, Sunday, June 3rd. Cars will leave Memorial Coliseum at 8:00p.m. All students will be returned for MadGrad release at Madison High School's lower parking lot between 2:00 & 2:30am Monday, June 4th. If you have questions about registering your student, please e-mail Madisonmadgrad@gmail.com or Amanda Reed amacasa@ymail.com . We encourage you to review the registration form (front and back) with your student and ask that both parent/ guardian and student sign the form.

We look forward to seeing you at this memorable event. We extend to your graduate our congratulations and hopes for a bright future.

Sincerely,
 Madison High School Administrators

Petra Callin
 Principal

Adam Skyles
 vice Principal

Lajena Broadous
 Vice Principal