

Graduation Information 2016

Graduation Dress Code

This is a formal ceremony and you are required to dress appropriately.

Ladies must wear a dress underneath their gowns. While you may wear heels, you must have a strap that prevents your shoes from flopping. Also, be careful of the type of heel; stiletto type heels are not allowed. These shoes are a safety hazard. They will go into the field and possibly cause you to trip, especially now that we have a new turf field. **Gentlemen** must wear a pair of dress pants, a white dress shirt with a tie and dress shoes. **No flip flops or tennis shoes of any kind are allowed.**

You will also wear the cap and gown chosen by the school and ordered from Herff Jones. You may not alter the appearance of either item in any **way** including the top and rim of the cap. **DO NOT under any circumstances place any numbers, letters, images, or items of any kind on the top of the mortarboard for decoration. Your tassel is your decoration.**

The only addition to any cap and gown outfit will be honor recognitions. Students who have received cords, sashes, or stoles as an honor recognition from a recognized school organization can be worn during graduation.

Ceremony

Each and every graduate at NPHS deserves to hear his or her name during the graduation ceremony. The announcers cannot stop and pause for excessive noise following **one** graduate's name, or we would have to delay the ceremony. Please be respectful of the formal nature of the ceremony, but more importantly be respectful of your fellow graduates. No noise makers, beach ball, horns, or bells of any kind should be used on the field or by the audience. Please remind your parents and others planning to attend that we truly want to honor every graduate. Seniors on the field can be removed for rude or obtrusive behavior.

Day of Graduation

Our ceremony is Friday, May 27th at 7:00 p.m. Seniors should plan to arrive at NPHS no later than **4:00 p.m.** We are working diligently to alleviate traffic issues, but with one way in and one way out, we are anticipating **HEAVY** traffic. You must have your NPHS parking pass to park a vehicle. Students will be given instructions as to where to park when arriving for the ceremony. Please be dressed and have your cap/gown with you. Report directly to the auditorium for check in. Once there, you can hang out with your friends, take pictures, and prepare for your last high school event! Please tell your family to expect heavy traffic in and out.

Tickets

Each senior will be given 6 tickets. These tickets will allow six ticket holders to enter either side of the stadium early. Ticket holders may begin entering the stadium at 5:00 p.m. All other guests (non-ticket holders) may begin entering the stadium at 6:00 p.m. The parking lots will open at 4:30 p.m. for guests. The ticket holders have the benefit of being allowed to choose seating location on a first come first serve basis. There are NO reserved seats or areas. Seniors will receive their six tickets on Thursday, May 26 during the graduation practice.

Handicap Parking and Seating

We will have numerous handicap parking areas; however, our parking is still across the drive from the stadium. Please let your attendees be aware that there is a brief walk to the gates. Handicap seating will also be available for those who cannot sit comfortably in the stadium bleachers. Handicap seating will be in designated areas, but only **ONE** other person may be allowed to sit with the person in the area (no children will be allowed in this area). If these attendees want to enter before 6:00 p.m., they must have one of the tickets to enter the gate. We will try our best to accommodate the needs of our visitors.

Diplomas

During the ceremony, students are handed the diploma cover but not the actual diploma to prevent any mix ups. Immediately following graduation ceremony, seniors will report back to the front hallway (900 hallway) and find his/her senior advisor to pick up a packet of information including the diploma. **ONLY seniors** will be allowed to go back in the building.

Graduation Practice

Graduation practice is **mandatory**. If you are not at practice any day of practice you will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony. We will have graduation practice Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (May 25-27) following senior exams. You are to arrive at practice by 8:30 a.m. and be in the designated location ready to begin. The first day of practice, Wednesday, May 25, will begin in the main gym. You may dress casually, but all school dress code rules still pertain (no tanks or short shorts!) **Practice will end when Dr. Stanley and Mrs. Poteet have completed everything. The more you listen and do what is necessary, the quicker we can finish.** Students are not allowed to go back into the school building for any reason after practice. You must make plans to leave campus. Also, seniors must park in their assigned parking spots each day of practice. Seniors who do not have a parking pass will not be allowed to park on campus during practice because of limited parking spaces. If a senior does not have a parking pass/assigned spot, they will need to make transportation arrangements. Seniors are welcome to ride the bus to school but will need to make arrangements to be picked up each day after graduation practice.

Honors

Any senior with a grade point average (GPA) of **89.5** and above will be recognized as an honor graduate. These students will receive different hoods to wear over the top of the gown. These will be given out as soon as the counselors receive all grades and calculate the averages. On top of wearing the hood, these graduates are also honored by being allowed to graduate first. Honor graduates will line up alphabetically at the beginning of the line.

Holds

Seniors who have holds on their student accounts **WILL NOT** be allowed to participate in practice or the ceremony. Students will be notified as quickly as possible, but many students have multiple charges for missing books, athletic fees, dues, and other lost items. Students will have until Wednesday, May 25th during practice to take care of the dues; however, senior holds should be paid ***as soon as possible*** to avoid interruptions in graduation practice.

Honors Night

On Thursday, May 19th we will host senior honors night in the NPHS auditorium at 7:00 p.m. Seniors will receive invitations if they are being recognized for an award, special scholarship or being awarded an honor cord from a club or organization. Family and friends are invited to attend to see the accolades and successes of many of our seniors. Students involved in this evening will receive specific directions from club or faculty sponsor or counselor.

Valedictorian/Salutatorian

These highly esteemed positions are earned by the senior with the highest GPA and the student with the second highest GPA. These students will not only be honored with the title, but will also be recognized during the ceremony and have the chance to speak to the graduating class. These positions will be named at the senior breakfast. These students will work with Dr. Stanley and Mrs. Poteet to write an appropriate/approved speech.

Senior Breakfast

Senior breakfast will be Thursday, May 26 at 8:30 in the NPHS cafeteria. Students will be provided a breakfast by Waffle House. The charge for this event is included in the senior dues. All you need to do is show up! Following breakfast, we will make some special announcements and continue with graduation practice.

Baccalaureate

This is a religious based service that honors the graduates. This is not a required event, but one planned by students and parents. The service is going to be May 24th at 7:00 p.m. at Westridge Church. Students should plan on wearing your gown. Please invite your family and friends.

Behavior

Graduation is privilege that you have earned through hard work with academics, attendance and behavior. If at any time before or during the actual graduation ceremony, your behavior does not meet expectations you will not be allowed to participate.

May 2016

*Parents and students, please understand that student attendance is very important, especially during the month of May.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 AP Testing: A.M.- Chemistry and Env. Science P.M- Psychology Milestone Assessment: Ninth Lit.	3 AP Testing: A.M.- Spanish P.M.—Physics Milestone Assessment: Ninth Lit	4 AP Testing: A.M.- Literature Milestone Assessment: American Lit.	5 AP Testing: A.M.- Calculus Milestone Assessment: American Lit	6 AP Testing: A.M.- APUSH and Art P.M.—European History Milestone Assessment:	7
8	9 AP Testing: A.M.- Biology P.M.- Physics Milestone Assessment: Geometry	10 AP Testing: A.M.- Government Milestone Assessment: Alg/ Geo.	11 AP Testing: A.M.- Language P.M.- Economics Milestone Assessment: Algebra	12 AP Testing: A.M.- World History P.M.- Statistics Milestone Assessment: Biology	13 AP Testing: A.M.- Human Geography Milestone Assessment: Phy. Science	14
15	16 Milestone Assessment: Economics	17 Milestone Assessment: Us. History	18 Milestone Assessment: Make Ups	19 Milestone Assessment: Make Ups SENIOR HONORS NIGHT- 7:00 P.M.	20 Seniors pick up year-books in cafeteria during lunches	21
22	23 Senior Exams <i>*senior final exam schedule is posted on the NPHS website</i>	24 Senior Exams <i>*Underclassmen Honors Day (invitation only) @ 2:00 in the auditorium</i>	25 Senior Graduation Practice and Breakfast – (report to the gym at 8:30 a.m.) Seniors will attend the Charge Ceremony after graduation practice	26 Senior Graduation Practice – (report to the cafeteria at 8:30 a.m.)	27 Senior Graduation Practice– (report to the stadium at 8:30)	28

Monday May 23, 2016

HYBRID SCHEDULE

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Class		Time	Class Time
1st Period		8:35 - 9:15	40
2nd Period		9:20 - 9:58	38
"A" Block		8:35 - 9:58	78
3rd Period		10:03 - 10:40	37
4th Period		10:45 - 12:10	60 + 24
5th Period		12:15 - 1:15	60
"B" Block		10:45 - 1:15	125
6th Period		1:20 - 2:20	60
7th Period		2:25 - 3:25	60
"C" Block		1:40 - 3:25	125
LUNCH SCHEDULE			
"A" Lunch		10:40 - 11:04	24
"B" Lunch		11:08 - 11:32	24
"C" Lunch		11:36 - 12:00	24
"D" Lunch		12:05 - 12:29	24
"E" Lunch		12:34 - 12:58	24

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

HYBRID SCHEDULE

Class		Time	Class Time
1st Period		8:35 - 9:40	65
2nd Period		9:45 - 10:45	60
"A" Block		8:35 - 10:45	125
3rd Period		10:50 - 11:50	60
4th Period		11:55 - 1:09	55 + 24
5th Period		1:14 - 1:55	41
"B" Block		11:55 - 1:55	91
6th Period		2:00 - 2:40	40
7th Period		2:45 - 3:25	40
"C" Block		2:00 - 3:25	85

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"A" Lunch		11:21 - 11:45	24
"B" Lunch		11:50 - 12:14	24
"C" Lunch		12:18 - 12:41	24
"D" Lunch		12:45 - 1:09	24
"E" Lunch		1:14 - 1:38	24