



Graduation 2023

**Sunday, June 11 @ 11:00 a.m.
Minneapolis Convention Center
Auditorium
1301 2nd Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55403**

What you need to know!

Dear Families of Graduating Seniors:

The Class of 2023's graduation is quickly approaching, and it is time for us to pass along some information regarding the ceremony to you.

The Graduation Committee and the Graduation Coordinators have met to prepare for the June 11, 2023 graduation ceremony at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

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

Please read all the information regarding the 2023 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:

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RHS Graduation 2023 End of Year Calendar

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Events</u>
Week of April 10	Graduation Status/Obligation Letters Mailed to homes
Friday, April 14	Service hours DUE to Ms. Christol in room 100
Friday, May 5	Last day to pay with a check. This is a good day to talk to Ms. Hansen about your book obligations or Mr. Hillestad about lunch fees.
Friday, May 12	Senior Fees of \$75 must be paid. Senior fees cover class sign, yearbook, class t-shirts and miscellaneous senior activities.
May 20	Prom
Wednesday, May 24	ALL fees should be paid Senior Survey in CCC MUST be completed. Ms. Hansen must be contacted for book obligations. Mr. Hillestad must be contacted about lunch fees.
Thursday, June 1	Senior Recognition and Award Ceremony: 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium.
June 5&6	Senior finals YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE YOUR CAP AND GOWN IF... Senior student obligations (sports equipment, textbooks/Media Center, lunch fees, materials not returned, any other charges owed to the school) are not paid by June 2. Your student may stop in the Media Center at any time to see if they have any outstanding obligations. If you have any questions, please call Kari Hansen, Media Specialist @ 612-668-4827 or email Kari.Hansen@mpls.k12.mn.us
June 9	Cap & Gown Pick up
June 9	Senior Salute: Senior Salute at Roosevelt. Seniors will report to school at noon to pick up cap/gown, last lunch with their class, then report to the gym at 2 p.m. to celebrate with their classmates and receive their yearbook.
Saturday, June 11	**Graduation (11:00 am Minneapolis Convention Center) SENIORS MUST BE AT THE CONVENTION CENTER NO LATER THAN 10 A.M. 8 tickets per graduate NO exceptions

BEHAVIOR

Graduation is a time of ceremony and recognition of achievement. It signifies both an end and a beginning. 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 themselves in a manner befitting the occasion. 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 Roosevelt's Class of 2023, this graduation might be their first. Likewise, many relatives might come long distances to see this ceremony. Your cooperation during graduation will be appreciated.
- Our goal is to keep graduation a dignified event. Students not adhering to this request for composure will be escorted from the ceremony.

NO USE POLICY

Like all school-sponsored events, no students are allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony if they are under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Any student or audience member suspected of being under the influence of these substances will be escorted from the ceremony.

DRESS CODE

Caps and gowns are furnished for all students

**Do not alter and/or decorate the gowns – You will NOT be allowed to participate in the ceremony.*

*You may decorate the **top** of the cap only. It must be "Grandma" approved and flat (no lego building)*

NO FLIP FLOPS will be allowed because the stage has microphones.

If you are buying new shoes, please practice in them BEFORE the graduation.

Your gown must be zipped, cap on head to participate.

Suggested attire for graduation is as follows:

Men: Dress shirt, tie, and non-denim pants: dress shoes

Women: Dress, blouse and skirt ensemble, or blouse and dress pants ensemble: dress shoes

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 actual diplomas.

The name on your diploma will be the exact same way as we have it in our Discovery system.

If you think or know for sure (does your report card or schedule have the right name?), that there is an error in your name you should email cschultz@mpls.k12.mn.us or stop to see your counselor TODAY!

Misspellings, nicknames, etc., will require a name change application to the district and that can take a while to process.

If you have any doubts or questions regarding how your name is in our system, please email your counselor.

SENIOR FEES

Senior Fees of \$75 must be paid by May 12. You are encouraged to pay sooner. If you'd like to pay extra as a scholarship for another senior, that would be appreciated. Senior fees cover yearbook, class t-shirt and miscellaneous senior activities and can be paid in room 100 with Ms. Christol or in room 105 to Ms. Dierkhising.

TICKETS

Each student will receive 8 tickets.

The graduation ceremony begins promptly at 11 am in the main auditorium at the convention center. If you are later than 10:50 am, you will be held at the door until all the graduates have been seated AND then you will be directed to sit in the balcony regardless if you hold a ticket or someone is holding a seat.

The reason for this rule is the ceremony has started, speakers have begun their speeches and we want this to be a special event for everyone. We have found the least amount of disruption is to have late entering guests sit in the balcony. Thank you for understanding.

When passing out your tickets, PLEASE

Remind your guests to be ON TIME. Seated by 10:55 a.m.

Remind your guests to turn off their phones

Refrain from talking once the ceremony starts

Remove crying children quickly

Stay seated until graduates have exited the auditorium

If you're inviting underclassman, they will have to enter/sit with an adult in your group.

OBLIGATIONS

Seniors must pay all obligations issued over their four years at Roosevelt High School. Obligations may include:

- Books (textbooks &/or library) from any Minneapolis Public School not returned to Media Center See Ms. Hansen in the Media Center.
- Testing and transcript fees not paid. Email your counselor.
- Athletic fees not paid. See Adam Flanders in the Athletic Office.
- Lunch fees. See Mr. Hillestad in the lunchroom.
- Sports equipment and uniforms not returned. See Jacki Wincek in the gym.

The graduation fee and obligations must be paid before a student will receive their cap and gown. **All fees must be paid by May 24 @ 2:00 pm.** Although earlier is preferred to ensure receipt of cap and gown.

Many students have overdue books from this year or previous years. Some of the fines from these books may only be a couple dollars. Some may be a couple hundred dollars' worth.

You have a listing of what is missing in your school e-mail or you can go to this link to learn how to check your own account: (with MPS Google open)

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B0JDkA576ds2ekVFQUFEtTVRYXc>

You can also visit Ms. Hansen in the media center to find out what you owe before graduation.

This list also includes fines and missing books from before Roosevelt. Ms. Hansen is happy to return these materials to your previous school if you still have them. Otherwise, you will have to pay for them.

If you have textbooks out from this school year, your name shouldn't be on this list. But all seniors will have to return their books and pay their fines for this year, too, before being able to go through graduation.

Some textbooks you are still using. That's fine, but they will have to be turned in before you can get your cap and gown. Don't wait! Figure this out before the last minute. Thanks. Ms. Hansen

Please note...if your lock is NOT on your locker during checkout, your gap/gown will be held until \$6 is paid.

DIPLOMA AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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

- Earn at least 21.5 credits.
- A minimum of the following must be completed:
 - 4 years English
 - 3.5 years Social Studies
 - 3 years Math
 - 3 years Science
 - 1 semester Physical Education
 - 1 semester Health
 - 1 year Fine Arts

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

- Must be clear of any financial obligations due to Roosevelt High School.
- Must be within .75 credits of the total required for graduation.

Students who have not met full diploma requirements but are within .75 credits of diploma requirements may participate in the ceremony but will not receive a diploma until all requirements are completed.

Graduation/diploma status letters will be sent home shortly following the start 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.

****Please 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.

**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. You will have to pay for any ramp you use.

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.

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.