



# Graduation 2024

**Friday, June 14 @ 11:00 a.m.  
Minneapolis Convention Center  
Auditorium  
1301 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55403**

*What you need to know!*

Dear Families of Graduating Seniors:

The Class of 2024'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 14, 2024 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 2024 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 2024 SENIOR Calendar

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Events</u>
October 11	Senior email to order cap/gown
November 6	Senior Fees of \$80 can be paid in room 100 or main office
Week of April 8	Graduation Status/Obligation Letters Mailed to homes
Friday, April 12	Service hours DUE to Ms. Christol in room 100
Friday, May 3	Last day to pay with a check. This is a good day to talk to Ms. Hansen about your book obligations.
Saturday, May 11	Prom
Wednesday, May 22	ALL fees should be paid. Senior Fees of \$80 Senior fees cover yearbook, class t-shirts and miscellaneous senior activities. Senior Survey in CCC <b>MUST</b> be completed. Ms. Hansen <b>must be</b> contacted for book obligations.
Thursday, May 30	Senior Recognition and Award Ceremony: 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium.
June 5&6	Senior finals <b>Be sure to return your chrome book and charger when you are done with finals.</b>  <b>YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE YOUR CAP AND GOWN IF...</b> Senior student obligations (sports equipment, textbooks/Media Center, 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 11	Cap & Gown Pick up
June 11	<b>Senior Salute:</b> 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.
Friday, June 14	**Graduation (11:00 am Minneapolis Convention Center)  <b>SENIORS MUST BE AT THE CONVENTION CENTER NO LATER THAN 10 A.M.</b> <b>8 tickets per graduate NO exceptions</b>

## **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 2024, 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 Infinite Campus 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](mailto: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 \$80 must be paid by May 22. 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.

## **TICKETS**

Each student will receive 8 tickets. Every person needs a ticket, regardless of age.

The graduation ceremony begins promptly at 11 am in the main auditorium at the convention center. If you are later than 10:55am, you will be directed to the overflow room where you will watch the ceremony on a television screen.

**NEW THIS YEAR...The doors will be locked once graduation begins at 11am. All ticket holders will be referred to the overflow room down the hall. ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS.**

The reason for this NEW rule is the ceremony has started, speakers have begun their speeches and we want this to be a special event for everyone. 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.
- 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 22 @ 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=0B0JDkA576ds2ekVFQUFEdTVRYXc>

The chrome book you return must be the one you checked out. Double check the number **BEFORE** senior finals to make sure you have the right one.

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. As soon as you are done with a book for a class, please return it.

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 the lock that was assigned to you or is NOT on your locker during checkout, your gap/gown will be held until \$10 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.