



★ GRADUATION HANDBOOK ★

This handbook has been created to help guide you through everything that is associated with graduation. I look forward to seeing our 2023 seniors in person for graduation rehearsal on Friday, June 16.

Best wishes!

*Lance Balla
Principal*

GRADUATION PRACTICE

Practice will be on **Friday, June 16, at Jackson High School from 9:00 to 1:00** (we may end early). All seniors will be participating in rehearsal at one time. We ask that students arrive to the gym and immediately sit in their assigned seat. If a senior has other commitments or Running Start exams, please notify your counselor. We will have a method communicated on Thursday, June 15, that will include seating assignments. **Students must participate in graduation rehearsal to be a part of the ceremony.** Currently, practice is scheduled to be in the gym and students should start entering at 8:45 a.m. on Friday, June 16.

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GRADUATION DAY

Saturday, June 17, 2023
Event starts at 11:00 a.m.
Angel of the Winds Arena
2000 Hewitt Ave
Everett, WA 98201

TICKETS

With our estimated number of graduates, each senior will receive ten (10) tickets for friends and family to attend.

If you cannot distribute tickets to family members before the graduation ceremony, we will have a "Will Call" table at the south parking ticket gate at the venue, where family or friends can pick up their tickets if necessary. All audience members must have a ticket to be admitted.

Graduation tickets will be distributed to seniors on Friday, June 16, during graduation rehearsal.

If families need additional tickets, families can sign up at the main office starting on Monday, May 8. Requests will be considered for families to get additional tickets.

ENTRANCE POINTS

All seniors enter the arena through the FOUNTAIN entrance on Hewitt Avenue and report to the assigned section **no later than 10:00 a.m.** Families and other audience members enter through the main doors on the corner of Hewitt and Oakes. The ceremony begins at 11:00 a.m., and nearby parking may be limited if you arrive close to the starting time.

SEATING

Seating for the commencement ceremony at the arena is on a first come, first served basis. Handicapped seating is available—no reservations are necessary. ASL services will be provided and will be in the seating area on the left side of the arena (when facing the stage).

DIRECTIONS & PARKING

Traveling North on I-5

- Exit #192 onto Broadway (exit on the RIGHT side of freeway)
- Head north on Broadway Avenue
- Left onto Hewitt Avenue

Traveling South on I-5

- Exit #194 onto US-2/Everett Avenue
- Use Everett Avenue towards City Center
- Right onto Everett Avenue
- Left onto Broadway Avenue
- Right onto Hewitt Avenue
- Main entrance is at Hewitt and Oakes Avenue

Traveling West on US-2

- Merge onto US-2 West
- Follow signs for Hewitt Avenue
- Right onto Maple Street
- Left onto Everett Avenue
- Left onto Broadway Avenue
- Right onto Hewitt Avenue
- Main entrance is at Hewitt and Oakes Avenue

There are several thousand parking spaces available within walking distance of AOTW Arena. Several parking lots are conveniently located around the perimeter of the facility.

Avoid the headache and stress of event parking by making a reservation before you arrive. Park Mobile allows you to make a reservation in app, or visit parkmobile.io to reserve a lot near Angel of the Winds Arena.

Snohomish County
Parking Garage
3000 Rockefeller Avenue
Everett, WA 98201
Ph: 425-388-3348

Republic Parking
Angel of the Winds
Arena Surface Lot
2005 Hewitt Avenue
Everett, WA 98201

Volunteers of America
Surface Lot
2802 Broadway
Everett, WA 98201
Ph: 425.388.3348

Everpark Parking
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2825 Hoyt Avenue
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Ph: 425.258.0700



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TIMING

9:30 a.m.		Speakers on the stage at Events Center
9:45 a.m.		Band and choir arrive at Fountain entrance
10:00 a.m.		Seniors enter
10:15 a.m.		DOORS OPEN TO PUBLIC at NE entrance
11:00 a.m.		Ceremony begins

Musicians, graduates, and staff will arrive through the
Fountain doors to the Arena level

DRESS & DECORUM

Students:

Remember, this is a formal event recognizing the culmination of all your work, so please dress accordingly. Students should wear dark slacks, dark shoes, light shirts, blouses, skirts, dresses, and no jeans or shorts. You are encouraged to wear flats or shoes with low heels.

Caps and gowns will be worn by all participants. The caps should be flat on your head and the tassel on the mortarboard (cap) is worn on the RIGHT side.

In Everett Public Schools, the purpose of honor cords is to recognize academic achievement that demonstrates scholarship. This is demonstrated by students who excel in course offerings and demonstrate a commitment to challenging coursework. The only items that can be worn over the gown are the following approved honor cords and medallions:

- Valedictorian (medallion)
- National Honor Society
- Seal of Biliteracy (medallion)
- 3.5+ GPA
- HOSA
- AA Degree
- AP Scholar (passing score on 3 or more AP exams)
- AP Capstone Candidate
- AVID Honor Cords
- Departmental Scholar (medallion)
- Key Club
- DECA

Please ask for administrative approval if you would like to wear an item of cultural celebratory significance during the ceremony (such as an authentic flower or wooden lei) if appropriate to your custom.

Please DO NOT decorate your cap! It is important to honor the decorum of the ceremony, and you need to consider these as part of your “uniform.” You may purchase an additional cap for this purpose from National Achiever or you may wait until after the ceremony to permanently decorate your cap. You will not be allowed to wear a cap during the ceremony that has been decorated. Thank you for your understanding!



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Congratulations on your pending graduation! While graduation is an exciting celebration, it is also a dignified and distinguished ceremony that you and your family will look back on for years to come. For the ceremony, your graduation regalia will represent Henry M. Jackson High School, and the recognition of what you earned while a student here.

There is also celebratory time after the formal ceremony where regalia expectations become less formal. Please refer to the information below for what is appropriate for the ceremony and post-celebrations.

Graduation Regalia - *Allowed during formal graduation ceremonies*

- Gear provided by the school (cap, gown, school stole, tassel)
 - A stole is for academic achievement, a sash is celebratory and for after
- Academic Cords (GPA requirement)
- School-provided approved club cords (for example: NHS, DECA, Thespian society, ROTC, AVID, that have a national recognition attached to them)
- Tribal regalia can be on caps or in lieu of caps*
- Sno-Isle National Technical Honor Society stole and tassel (white) (EPS school stole must be worn on top)
- Orca Stole (EPS school stole must be worn on top)
- AA stole (EPS school stole must be worn on top)

Post-Graduation Ceremony Regalia (common items listed below*)**

- Money leis
- Candy leis
- Flower leis
- Cultural/Nation of Origin stoles
- Sashes

***Culturally Significant Representations:** In accordance with the American Indian Religious Freedom Act, sovereign tribal nations may wear traditional regalia and other items of cultural significance during graduation. *Adornments of cultural significance are acceptable with prior approval from the Principal or Principal designee by Friday, June 2nd, provided they:*

- *Are school appropriate.*
- *Reflect a culture that you identify with; for example, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander students may wear flower/leaf leis as an item of cultural significance, and respecting this cultural significance, we ask that students who do not self-identify as Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander refrain from wearing leis*
- *Do not change or replace the school issued items (including caps, which are not to be decorated);*
- *Are not potentially disruptive to the ceremony or detrimental to the safety and welfare of other students*

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PICTURES & STREAMING

Gradimages will be taking pictures during the duration of the event. It's our objective to capture two images of each graduate, the first being a stage moment, and the second being a portrait.

Direct Site: www.gradimages.com/registration. Families can register contact information. Anyone who registers will get a coupon for 20% off any order of \$50 or more.

Families will get an e-mailed link to the proofs typically 1-2 weeks after the ceremony. After placing an order online, the family can expect to receive orders in the mail within two weeks.

Cameras will be allowed in the stands. However, parents and families will not be permitted on the arena floor or stage, nor will seniors be permitted to step out of line for pictures.

LIVE STREAMING: Everett Civic Auditorium YouTube channel, click [HERE](#). A recording will be uploaded on YouTube later

JHS LIVE STREAMING WILL START AT 10:45 a.m.: <https://youtu.be/58VHrzIefoo>

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

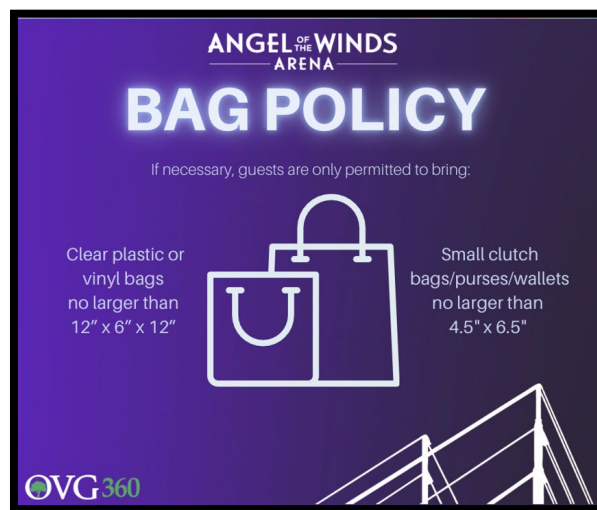
Graduation is both a ceremony and a celebration. It's important to remember that there is a proper time and place for both! The ceremony itself is to be taken seriously and with an attitude of respect for your accomplishment and for those who have helped you along your journey. The celebration takes place *after* the ceremony and is the time to have fun with family and friends.

Students:

Please silence your cell phones. Do not bring anything with you that would be a distraction from the ceremony. This includes—but is not limited to—beach balls or other inflatable objects, silly string, bouncy balls, or noisemakers. Also, **do not** bring purses or valuables that will not fit in your pockets, as there is no secure storage area during the ceremony for such items.

Audience Members:

We want this to be a very special time for *your* graduate and for *all* the graduates! Please be respectful during all phases of the ceremony—a lot of work has gone into preparing the best experience possible. No oversize bags, clear plastic or vinyl bags no larger than 12"x6"x12"; air horns and artificial noisemakers can be a distraction and are not allowed at the arena. We hope you will give a special cheer for your graduate—and we ask that you **please keep it under 3 seconds** so that the next graduate can hear their own name being read, as well. This, of course, is an important part of the experience!



AFTER THE CEREMONY

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the graduates will make their way upstairs to the foyer level of the auditorium. The Events Center staff has asked us to remind guests that friends and family members are not permitted onto the arena floor at any time, and that the best place to meet your graduate will be on the upstairs level in the back of the arena.

Grad Night is a tradition for graduating seniors. The event is sponsored by the 2023 parent group; it's designed to be the final celebration as a collective group in a safe, sober, supervised, surprise location. The cost includes activities, entertainment, food, bus transportation, and prizes.

When does the event happen?

We will load up Durham school buses at JHS around 10 p.m. the night of graduation (June 17). We will return to JHS around 6 a.m. Food will be provided early in the evening, and again early in the morning.

What's included?

Food and activities during a night spent at multiple SECRET venues, with transportation there and back to JHS the next morning. Students depart the school late June 17 and return there early June 18.

What if my student has special dietary or medical needs?

Please let us know if your student has any special needs so we can address it with our vendor ahead of time and work to confidentially facilitate your student's experience.

Are there scholarships?

We do have some scholarship funds available to assist families who may be in need right now. If you're interested, please complete our regular form and submit it to jhs2023parents@gmail.com.

Can I help with the event?

Yes, please! We'd love to welcome volunteers to assist either with checking in students at the buses, chaperoning the event, or with activities during the night. It is important that people are officially district approved; information is at: www.everettsd.org/volunteer
Contact info and other resources

You can join our email list by sending your name and your student's name to jhs2023parents@gmail.com. Also, check out the official JHS Senior Page at www.everettsd.org/Page/13556 for key information. Please reach out to us at the email listed above if you have any further questions or just need a conversation.

- Check in at Jackson High School parking lot at 9:45 p.m. Buses leave at 10:15 p.m.
- Graduates are asked to wear comfortable clothes that they can be active in (avoid dresses/skirts). Bring a light jacket or sweater.

No outside food or drinks are allowed, and phones will be collected before boarding the buses/entering the venue. No refunds will be issued.

If you have questions, please contact jhs2023parents@gmail.com.

SEATING ASSIGNMENTS

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