

February 15, 2025

ITHSA Parents and Senior students,

Now that we are just a few months away from the end of the 24-25 school year, it is time to start talking more specifically about graduation and all that it involves. I will be sending out additional communication to each of you as we get closer to the end of the year, but there are many things to start thinking about so you or your students do not miss out on any of the things we have planned. May gets really busy, so be sure to mark your calendars with important dates now. I know it is a lot of information, but it is very important so please take time to read carefully.

Key Dates for Seniors: (Please add to calendar)

- May 22 Senior Awards and Recognition Program–6:30 pm–Auditorium
- May 29 Last day of school for seniors qualified for graduation
- May 29 Senior Banquet–PM–More info coming from Senior Class Advisors)
- June 6 Graduation Rehearsal–MANDATORY Attendance–10am-12:30pm
- June 7 GRADUATION!!!!--7pm at ITHSA Fieldhouse

Other Important Notes for Seniors:

Check Credits (23.5 credits required to walk the stage)

KUSD requires seniors to complete the following: 23.5 credits in required areas along with 10 hours community service and a score of 65% or greater on the Civics Graduation Assessment (typically taken during US Government class). All community service hours should be submitted to the Guidance Department no later than Friday, May 2nd, 2025. ***This date is very important if you are attempting to qualify for the 100+ hours distinction on your diploma.*** Please do not wait until the last minute to turn them in. If you have any questions or concerns about graduation status, please contact our guidance office right away.

Caps and Gowns

Caps and gowns will be distributed at the end of March or early April. If you are still in need of a cap and gown please contact Jostens [at this link](#) or have your son or daughter pick up Josten's information in the main office. Questions can be directed to our Jostens representative at 800.567.8367.

Senior Recognition

All senior students and families will receive an email inviting them to attend our Senior Recognition and Awards Program that will be held on Thursday, May 22nd at 6:30 p.m. in the Indian Trail Auditorium. While not all seniors will receive an award or recognition, there are several scholarships announced and students will receive any honor cords, medals, or stoles that are permitted to be worn for graduation. Items will not be handed out prior to the awards ceremony.

Regarding scholarships, we try really hard each year to collect the amount of scholarships that are offered/awarded to our student body. If you are notified of a scholarship, regardless of how much, please be sure to report it to Indian Trail so that we can add it to our running total for the class of 2025. We do NOT disclose any information other than the name of the student, the fact that they are receiving scholarship money (no amount stated), and where they plan to attend next year. We do NOT disclose the amount of money or from where it came. Some graduating groups have earned over 10 million dollars in scholarship money as a group. Watch for a link that will be sent to all students and families of seniors in April. If you have any questions, please contact our Administrative Specialist, Christina M. Jones at cmjones@kUSD.edu or 262-359-8677.

Final Exams

Final exams for graduating seniors will be announced by classroom teachers and will take place prior to the last day of school for graduating seniors. All other students will take their final exams in the last week of the school year.

Senior Chromebook/Laptop Return

Students are not permitted to keep their equipment. Seniors are expected to return all KUSD electronic devices (calculators, chromebooks, laptops, laptop cases, chargers, etc) as soon as their last final exam is completed. Devices not returned by 3:15 p.m. on May 30th will receive a replacement fee that will need to be paid prior to graduation. ***Students will not receive their graduation tickets until devices or fees have been accounted for.***

Graduation Practice (Mandatory)

- Friday, June 6, 2025 - 10:00am to 12:30pm (ITHSA Fieldhouse)
- Graduates are to report to the Fieldhouse at 10:00 a.m. (Do not be late!)
- Seniors participating in the graduation ceremony are **required** to attend the practice. They will find out where to line up, get their tickets, and receive updated information that families will need.
- It is NOT necessary to wear your cap and gown during the practice.
- ***Each graduate will receive FIVE tickets for the ceremony at the end of the rehearsal and will sign off if they received these tickets. Tickets are required for admission to the Graduation Ceremony on June 7, 2025. NOTE: If a student has not returned their electronic devices, tickets will be held until electronic devices are turned in or paid for (if lost/damaged).***

What are the rules about cap and gown decoration?

- Caps may be decorated, but may ONLY be two-dimensional (lay flat on the cap). If you are unsure if something will be approved, don't do it.
- Only KUSD issued caps/gowns/uniforms may be worn at the ceremony. Only KUSD/ITHSA issued awards/medals will be allowed.
- KUSD School Board Policy applies to all items written or displayed by students during graduation.

Graduation Ceremony

- Saturday, June 7, 2025 – 7:00 p.m. – Indian Trail Fieldhouse (INSIDE)
- Seating is NOT reserved. Doors to our school will open at 5:45 p.m. for those looking to beat the crowd.
- Graduating seniors are to report to the Fieldhouse NO LATER than 6:15 p.m.
- Barring any technical difficulties, our ceremony will be streamed live for anyone with internet access.
- For those families who have extra people without tickets, our auditorium will be open with the event being streamed live on our large screen.
- For those who may need special seating due to a disability, please contact our Administrative Specialist, Christina M. Jones, at 262-359-8677. We have limited seating, but we will do our best to accommodate those in need. We do ask that people sit as a family or group when special seating is required. **If you need special seating or an interpreter please call prior to May 30th.**
- We will have security at the main entrance and tickets will be checked. Please be sure to have your tickets in hand.
- Due to allergies and other factors with visibility, balloons and other objects are not permitted in the Fieldhouse. We have limited seating for a very large school and we would like to avoid any conflicts due to obstructed view.
- **PARKING:** We have plenty of parking in the front of the school. For safety reasons, there is no building access from the other areas of school beside the main entrance. Also, there is no parking in the horseshoe (parent drop off/pick up area). This needs to remain clear due to fire code. Handicap parking will be available in the visitor lot immediately west of the main entrance by the flagpole. Handicap parking is also available in the student lot. These are first come, first serve.

Diplomas

Diplomas will be distributed to the graduates after the ceremony in the Commons. For those not participating in the ceremony, diplomas may be picked up on Monday, June 9th in the main office.

This is a lot of information for you and there is more still to come. I'm sure we haven't covered everything, but it is my hope that this information helps to prepare and inform our seniors and families of the upcoming special events.

Thank you for continued support throughout the last four years. It has been an interesting journey for sure. Stay tuned for more specific information coming out this spring.

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