



Mahomet-Seymour High School  
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Dear Graduating Senior and Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of Graduating Seniors:

Congratulations on your upcoming participation in the MSHS Graduation Ceremony. The following dates are important for you to remember in the coming weeks.

Wednesday, April 17	Senior Exit Survey- digital form	Emailed to Graduates
Thursday, April 18	Senior Exit Meetings (Early Grads-will need to attend at 3:30 pm)	Auditorium during C Lunch
Wednesday, May 8	Cap and Gown issued Ticket Pick-Up <b>Graduation admission is by ticket only</b>	lunch hours lunch hours
Wednesday, May 8	Picture Order Form Pick-Up Last day of classes for seniors	lunch hours
May 9 & May 10	Senior Finals	
Wednesday, May 15	Senior Awards Ceremony (in auditorium)	7:00 pm
Friday, May 17	Senior Breakfast (in commons) Graduation Individual Pictures Graduation Class Picture Graduation Walk Jr High, Lincoln Trail/Middletown Prairie Elementary Schools Graduation Practice ( <b>MANDATORY</b> ) at State Farm Center - students will be required to ride the bus to practice.	7:30 am 7:30 am to 8:00 am 8:15 am 8:30 am
Friday, May 17	Graduation Ceremony at the State Farm Center	7:00 pm

**Graduating seniors who wish to participate in the graduation ceremony must attend the mandatory graduation practice on Friday, May 17. All debts and obligations should be cleared by this time.**

Graduation Tickets

Tickets will be required to attend graduation at the State Farm Center.

Each graduate will receive 2 *Orange General Admission Tickets* for the lower bowl (sections 101, 102, 103, 119, 120). There is a limited number of available seats in the lower bowl, which determines how many *Orange Tickets* are distributed.

For all seating outside of the lower bowl, graduates can request as many general admission tickets as they wish for family and friends (please include babies and toddlers in your ticket count). ***Please note that the graduate will fill out their ticket request as part of their Senior Exit Survey. Senior Exit Surveys are due on 5.1.24 at 8:00am.*** Graduates will receive their tickets on Wednesday, May 8 during lunch hours when they pick up their cap and gown. It is the student’s responsibility to distribute their tickets to their families.

Senior Awards Ceremony

All seniors and parents are invited to this ceremony. Senior scholarship and award winners will be notified if they are being recognized during the ceremony.

### Graduation Practice

*Please Note - Early Graduates should park at the East Side of the Soccer Field at the Junior High. Please pull all the forward in your parking spot to allow for bus traffic. In the event of inclement weather, a shuttle bus will run from 7:30-7:45 am.* This is mandatory for seniors wishing to participate in the Graduation Ceremony. The senior breakfast will take place in the high school commons starting at 7:30 am. Individual pictures will be taken at 7:30 am -8:00am and senior class picture will be taken at 8:15 am prior to leaving the school for graduation practice. **All seniors must participate in the Senior Walk at the Jr. High Lincoln Trail and Middletown Prairie and graduation practice at State Farm Center transportation will be provided.** Buses are expected to return to MSHS approximately by 12:00 pm. Picture forms are available at MSHS in the Main Office. All students must dress appropriately (see dress code below) for the practice and the picture. Pajamas are not allowed during graduation practice.

### Required Dress Code for practice and ceremony

Graduates are required to wear business casual attire for both practice and the ceremony. Athletic attire is not allowed (sweatpants, shorts, t-shirts, etc). All students will wear their gown zipped up with their tassel on the left for graduation. Students do not need to bring their cap and gown to practice, unless they are having individual pictures taken. Pajamas are not allowed during graduation practice and during the ceremony.

### Graduation Ceremony

The ceremony will begin promptly at 7:00 pm at the State Farm Center. The State Farm Center is located at 1800. S 1st Street, Champaign, IL 61820. Students are to meet at the State Farm Center at 6:00 pm and doors to the public will open at this time. Students are not allowed to carry anything with them during the processional. **Any dress code violation, possession of disruptive material or uncooperative attitude or behavior may immediately eliminate the student from participation in the ceremony. Any disruption during the ceremony may lead to the ceremony being stopped until the disruptive students are removed.**

### Graduation Ceremony Parking

Each student will receive one parking pass for their family to use during the ceremony. Additional parking will be at State Farm Center for \$5 per vehicle, payable at the lot by cash or card. Parking will be available in the quad lots around State Farm Center and in Lot E-14 across First Street (if necessary).

### State Farm Center Security

All guests will be required to pass through a metal detector prior to entering the State Farm Center.


### State Farm Center Clear Bag Policy

Fans attending events at State Farm Center will be permitted to carry one clear plastic or vinyl bag that does not exceed 12"x6"x12", or one clear drawstring bag not to exceed 12"x12", or one, one-gallon clear plastic or zip-lock bag. A small clutch no larger than 4.5" x 7" may also be carried in addition to one clear bag. Diaper bags (with child) and bags approved for medical needs will be permitted after search by security personnel. All other bags, backpacks, totes and coolers are strictly prohibited. An exception will be made for empty clear plastic water bottles, up to 32 ounces. Please visit the following link for additional information:

<https://www.statefarmcenter.com/plan-your-visit/clear-bag-policy>

**Graduation is a school-sponsored ceremony. Proper decorum is expected of all participants. Participation in the ceremony is optional. Students bringing unnecessary attention upon themselves will be dismissed from participation.**

The graduation ceremony will be livestreamed on Bulldog TV. More information will be communicated closer to graduation.

Sincerely,  
  
Chad Benedict  
Principal