

Northview High School Graduation Bulletin Class of 2025

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Northview High School

Graduation Bulletin

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All of you are excited about graduation, as well as you should be. This is a tremendous milestone. You are to be congratulated on your accomplishment. You are almost there. Senior Year time goes by so quickly, and Graduation Day, with all of its joy and sadness of such a bittersweet time, will be here before you know it. Our Best Wishes as you finish this most momentous year of your life. ***Go Chiefs of 2025!***

Purpose: The purpose of this bulletin is not only to keep each senior informed, but also to keep the parents of each senior informed. It is the senior's responsibility to make sure that he/she follows the instructions within the bulletin.

There may be a need to adjust some of the information within this bulletin due to unforeseen conflicts of dates and/or times with district/state events, dates, and/or times.

Questions pertaining to bulletin information should be addressed to the appropriate senior sponsor.

Senior Class Sponsors

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Senior Class of 2025



Motto-

For I know the plans I have for you; plans to prosper you and not harm you: plans to give you a hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11

Class Song-

"Unwritten" by Natasha Bedingfield

Class Flower-

White Roses

Important Items

Senior Dues: Senior Dues are \$30 and should be paid to Ms. Teresa Johnson, administrative secretary. Being a senior is an expensive time. If there is a senior who has a financial hardship and cannot pay his/her dues, a request would need to be made to the administration in a timely manner.

Senior Caps, Gowns, Tassels, etc.: Herff Jones provides a variety of products that are guaranteed to meet your needs for the graduation celebration. Students must purchase a cap and gown **from Herff Jones** to participate in the graduation ceremony. The student will keep the cap and gown after graduation.

Senior packets with products offered by Herff Jones were sent home during the fall semester. A Herff Jones Representative was on campus in the fall to collect your Cap & Gown and Senior Supply order! All orders placed will be shipped to Northview High School.

- Northview's official announcements, gowns, and senior supplies can be purchased on the Herff Jones website by clicking:
<https://highschool.herffjones.com/secom/school/FL/NORTHVIEW+HIGH+SCHOOL/09004235000/1949/home> .
Don't wait, order now! For ordering assistance, please contact the Herff Jones office at 850.432.7464 or visit www.herffjones.com.
- All orders placed will be shipped to Northview High School.

All arrangements for ordering caps and gowns are made through Herff Jones-Clay Wren. Balance needs to be paid in full before pickup. Gowns must be picked up in time to hang the gowns to let the wrinkles fall out. No hot iron ironing. Students keep their gowns after graduation. Students will pick up announcements and cap and gowns from Northview on the announced date.

Yearbooks: Order yearbooks at this link—enter code **26193**:
<https://yearbookordercenter.com/jobSearch/displayHome>

Scholarships: Mr. Atallah's guidance webpage contains all scholarships received in the guidance office: <https://sites.google.com/a/ecsd.me/atallah/home>. Mr. Raja Atallah, academic advisor for seniors, extension 302033, is the coordinator for the **Senior Honors program**.

Grades: All parents are encouraged to take advantage of the Parent Portal in the online FOCUS teacher grade reporting system. It is imperative that parents/guardians of seniors keep a close check on the grade status of their senior. Parents may always contact the school at extension 302030 to request a parent-teacher conference if the parent has concerns about their student's academic status.

Debts: All Senior debts must be cleared, except textbooks/Chromebooks for the second semester. Teachers, coaches, and dean will either process individually through the Finance Specialist's office, or those individuals who have not signed off will meet in an after-school faculty meeting and will sign off on all seniors as to whether they have fulfilled all of the financial obligations to the school. Obligations include but are not limited to fines, dues, lost textbooks, lost library books, sports uniforms—never returned or damaged, band instruments – never returned or damaged, vandalism costs to the school, etc. These obligations cover any assessments transferred up from middle school and any incurred during high school.

Please note that obligations paid after May 2, 2025, must be paid in cash, for the school needs processing time before graduation day and for checks to clear the bank.

Senior Exams Procedures

An exam schedule is included in this document and will be posted on Northview's website:

www.northviewchiefs.com. End-of-course exams are state-mandated and will impact the student's final grade according to the student's grade status at the time of taking the EOC. It is extremely important that each senior in these applicable courses reports to testing at the proper time.

- *Regular Semester Exams for seniors will have a separate schedule and will be May 13, 14, 15, & 16, 2025, for seniors.*
- Seniors may **not** enter an exam late/tardy, for they may not disturb the test in progress, thus disturbing other seniors who were in class on time and who are concentrating on their exams. Seniors who are late/tardy will see Mr. Pippins, assistant principal. Makeups for students with applicable reasons for tardiness will be assigned.
- Senior Exams are given within a regular class period because 9-11 are following a regular schedule. Teachers of seniors must construct their exams to fit within the appropriate time and, if class contains 9-12 combination of students, must not give underclassmen a final with the seniors.
- Seniors must attend all final days which have been designated for review purposes.
- Seniors who are caught "visiting" on campus without signing in properly for an appropriate reason will face "out of appropriate area" discipline.
- Seniors who are on campus and who are attending to legitimate business must not disturb classes in any manner.
- Seniors, "Skipping" an exam results in failure of the course because he/she has not completed the course requirements. **Electing to take a zero on the exam to be averaged is not an option.**
- Teachers should prepare two finals for classes that are mixed with seniors and underclassmen. Underclassmen under no circumstances should be allowed by the instructor to take an exam early.

Second Semester 2024-2025
Senior Exam Schedule Dates: *May 13, 14, 15, & 16*
Exam Information and Schedule for Seniors for 2025

It is the student's and the parents' responsibility to keep informed of the requirements of the student's required tests for course completion, whether it is an End-of-Course Exam, developed by the state or the district, whether it is a Subject Area Exam (SAE), and/or whether it is a computer-based exam or not.

Parents and Students should daily access the Parent Portal for Gradebook posting of grades in FOCUS. Parents are encouraged to communicate frequently with teachers if there appears to be a need, based upon the grades posted in FOCUS.

Parents and students should monitor the district website and the school website for any communication regarding exams and student requirements.

Exams are taken within regular class periods during the normal bell schedule.

Tue. 5/13

7 exam

Wed. 5/14

4 exam

6 exam

Seniors with prior approval may make up 7th period exam, during 7th period.

7 Kona Ice (Stadium)

Thu. 5/15

3 exam

5 exam

Seniors with prior approval may make up 5th, 6th, and/or 7th exams. See Mr. Pippins.

6 Senior Meeting (Theater)

7 Ice Cream Blast (Cafeteria)

Fri. 5/16 (Bring Cap & Gown)

1 exam

2 exam

Seniors with prior approval may do makeup exams for all periods. See Mr. Pippins.

3 Senior Accounts & Debts

4 Senior Lunch (Gym)

6/7 Graduation Practice, Walkthrough, Picture (Gym)

Chromebooks Return: Seniors will return Chromebooks and chargers after their 2nd period semester exam.

Senior Exam Makeups

Senior makeup exams must be completed during regular periods based on the above schedule and with prior approval.

Only extreme cases for makeups should be done at **8:45 a.m., Monday, May 19.**

9-11 are in classes reviewing for their semester exams, so seniors may not interrupt any classes. Failure to take an exam may result in the inability to confirm a passing grade for a course, which would impact a student's ability to march at Graduation; therefore, it is most important to take exams promptly.

Mr. Pippins must be contacted if a make-up exam is needed. Personal illness verified by a physician or a death in the family are the two excuses accepted for missing an exam.

IMPORTANT DATES

May 5, 2025: Last Day to turn in any scholarship/award information to Mr. Atallah in Guidance, if it is to be included in the Senior Honors Program on May 22.

May 15, 2025: Requests for final transcripts: All colleges and universities require that you submit a final transcript including your second-semester grades. Stop by guidance to complete a form requesting transcripts. Dual Enrollment students need to request a transcript from PSC as well.

May 15, 2025*: **Graduation Orientation Meeting/Ice Cream Blast: 6th-7th Periods.**

Please understand that grades 9-11 are still in classes, and campus security must be ensured. Campus security does not provide for normal school operations and monitoring of unsolicited guests on campus.

Graduation Orientation Meeting*:

Full-time Dual Enrollment students must attend the graduation meeting.

This meeting is for the dissemination of information relative to Graduation, such as

- Sports Uniforms Returned,
- All Debts Cleared,
- All Textbooks and Chromebooks/chargers Returned,
- Verification of Name Pronunciation for Graduation,
- Graduation Practice and Picture Information,
- Other Graduation Information—Protocol, Required Dress, Senior Activities.

Ice Cream Blast (Cafeteria/7th period)

May 16, 2025: **Lunch*, Graduation Practice, Picture, Walk Through: 3rd-7th Periods.**

Please understand that grades 9-11 are still in classes, and campus security must be ensured. Campus security does not provide for normal school operations and monitoring of unsolicited guests on campus.

Lunch: Return Chromebooks and clear your accounts (senior dues/sports/books/etc.), go to the football stadium/gym (place to be determined) for senior lunch.

Notes: Seniors' final debt clearance for graduation.

Senior Finance Specialist will have your check-off forms for you to review. Discrepancies between what the teacher/coach/sponsor states and what you “believe” must be addressed with teachers between classes or during their planning periods.

Never disturb a class to consult with a teacher.

6th/7th Periods: **Graduation Practice, Picture, and Walkthrough (Gym):**

Full-time Dual Enrollment students must attend the graduation practice.

Students must wear their cap and gown for these activities.

*Only district-issued regalia may be worn for the picture. For more details on graduation dress code, refer to “**DRESS: MORTARBOARDS AND GOWNS**” on the last 2 pages of this document.*

Walk-Through to follow Graduation Practice and picture: details will be given at Graduation Practice.

***Off-campus dual enrollment** students are invited to attend Senior Lunch but **MUST** attend Graduation Orientation, Practice, and Walk Through.

May 16, 2025: Final semester grades are to be completed by teachers no later than 4:00 p.m.

The list reflecting graduation status will be finalized on **the following day** by Mr. Atallah, senior academic advisor, so that students and parents may be given notice as to graduation status. Parents and/or students are asked not to call or visit guidance trying to obtain this information early, for this will only slow down the entire process.

May 19-23: Seniors who have not met all graduation requirements (testing, credits, or GPA) will continue to attend school during regular school hours to work on meeting their graduation requirements. Students who miss these days will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.

May 22, 2025: Senior Honors Program (Mr. Raja Atallah, Coordinator)

6:30 PM in the GYM.

- Each student receiving an award may invite his or her guests. The number of guests is unlimited.
- Students should encourage their guests to bring stadium cushions or stadium seats to be comfortable during the program.

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### **Ranking of Graduating Seniors for 2025**

The determination of Valedictorian and Salutatorian will be determined by the cumulative weighted GPA to the hundredth place. The cumulative, weighted GPAs, which are the same to the hundredth place, will be considered a tie, whether for either valedictorian or salutatorian.

\*Graduating Seniors who meet honors criteria and who have met all requirements for graduation by the end of the spring semester will be recognized with three levels of honors.

**(1) Summa Cum Laude (Highest Honors)**

Garnet and Gold cords

4.00 or higher weighted GPA

**(2) Magna Cum Laude**

Gold Cords

3.75 or higher weighted GPA

Does not meet the summa criteria

**(3) Cum Laude**

**Garnet Cords**

3.5 or higher weighted GPA

Does not meet magna or summa criteria

- Ranking will be determined by the final weighted GPA of all courses taken.
- Valedictorian and Salutatorian designations will occur with the final GPA calculations.



# **May 28, 2025**

## **GRADUATION!**

### **TIME: 12:15 PM**

Seniors must enter the Pensacola Bay Center back door between **11:00 and 11:15, on May 28, fully dressed for graduation.** Parking for seniors and guests is in the main Bay Center parking lot. Follow the directions of the parking attendants. Seniors then should walk around the Center to the back side and enter the ground-floor door. This entrance is for seniors only, so please tell family members and well-wishers to see you before or after the ceremony. It is the seniors' responsibility, not the school's, to advise their parents/guardians and friends of the procedures for the day, for no one wants a parent/guardian or friend to feel "unwanted."

**Pensacola Bay Center opens for guests at 11:15. Doors will close at 12:00.**

The **live stream** for the graduation ceremony may be accessed at this link:

<https://youtube.com/live/3gm7b3Oz5uc?feature=share>

#### **TICKETS:**

There are no tickets required for the graduation ceremony and seating is unlimited.

#### **DRESS: MORTARBOARDS AND GOWNS**

All graduates must be attired in caps and gowns to participate in Commencement. The mortarboard should be worn "Square" on the forehead, not tilted on the back of the head. Please try on the cap as soon as you get it to make sure that it is the right size. A neat tacking with needle and thread will prevent a lot of slipping and sliding and attaching with bobby pins at the last minute.

**Slacks and Shirt and Tie:** wear dress, plain (no design) white shirts, **black** slacks (very definitely no jeans or khaki), **black** shoes (dress shoes, i.e., no brogans, no gym shoes, no clogs, no house shoes, no tennis shoes, no Roman sandals and so forth), **black solid** tie (not bright red, blue, green, etc., but **dark as in dark** and very **black** socks with their gowns.

**Dresses:** wear dresses that are not longer than the gowns and **black** dress shoes. No rhinestones. The underdress should not be visible above the top of the gown or the bottom of the gown. No corsages, flowers, hair ornaments, or jewelry may be worn on top of the Cap and Gown at Commencement. No gum or sunglasses. Flowers may not be carried by the graduates. In cases where someone might try to pass something to a graduate as the graduate marches in for the program, the item will be confiscated by security.

**Mortar Boards (Caps)** and gowns may **not** be decorated in any fashion. If your cap or gown has been altered in any manner with any change, especially any decoration of any type, you will not be allowed to march. This is not a time for a statement of individuality, it is a uniform, dress, formal occasion for the Class of 2025. Nothing gaudy will be allowed which diminishes the formality of the occasion. If the cap or gown has been altered, the senior will not march.

**Tassels:** students often lose or forget to bring their tassel to graduation. Please keep your tassel safe and remember to bring it to graduation.

No attire other than school-designated attire will be allowed. Northview will allow Honor Stoles from College Dual Enrollment, ***with confirmation from the college prior to Graduation.*** Please do not attempt to wear something from an off-campus club, society, organization, etc. Any senior who attempts to wear unauthorized articles will be pulled from the graduation line and will not be allowed to “walk” unless the situation is rectified before it is time to march into the gym. This is a district-level backed policy for all schools.

Any senior who “trips” or shows any signs of intentional distraction, as deemed such by the school and district personnel (not by family or friends), in any Processional and/or Recessional will receive his/her diploma the following week **from district personnel.** This rule is necessary to keep seniors from creating their own sideshows of entertainment to the embarrassment of not only their family but also the visiting guests. No one senior should view the graduation ceremony as his/her right to make any type of statement, other than the valedictorian and salutatorian which is expressed in their speeches, which are the culmination of all of their education. Please be mindful that each one of you is a representative of the whole class during this ceremony, so if something is done to distract from the ceremony, it will not only cast a bad light upon yourself but also on every member of your class.

**Diploma Pickup:** As you exit the Bay Center, please line up alphabetically by last name to receive your diploma.

Diplomas will only be given to students. Students who miss graduation may stop by guidance the next day during school hours to pick up their diplomas. Parents may not pick up a diploma without the student being present.