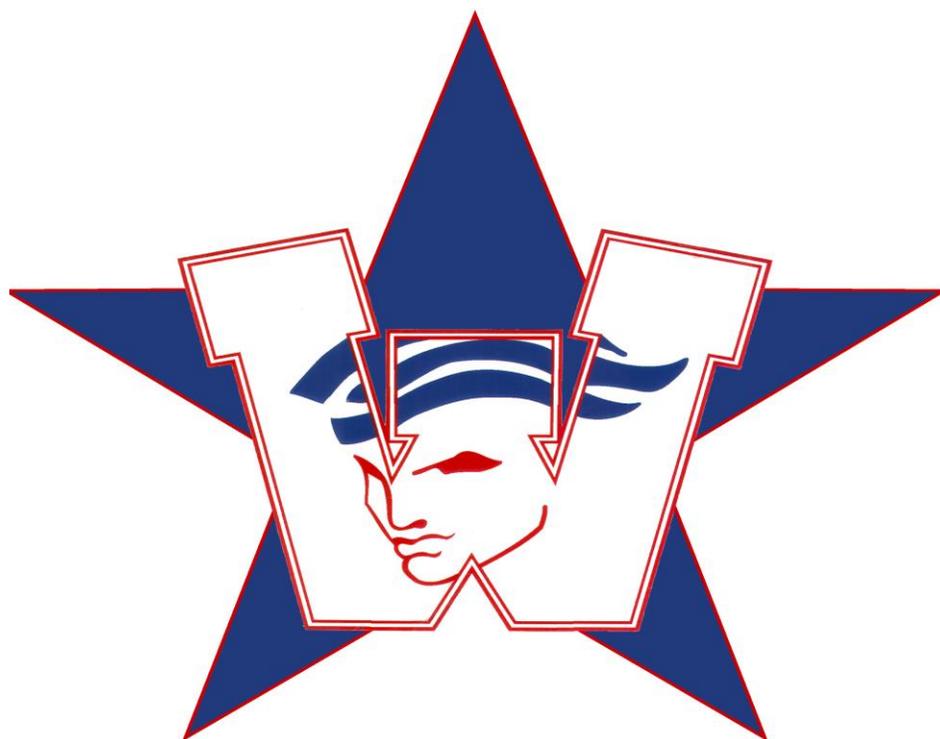


Washington High School

Graduation Planner

Class of 2017



“Home of the Patriots”

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Introduction

Welcome to the end of your public school career. You have nearly made it!

We are excited for you and your families as you close this chapter of your lives.

Graduation is an important time. It marks the end of adolescence and may send you with a mixture of joy and trepidation into the adult world.

We hope you and your parents find this information a useful tool in planning and celebrating this monumental event.

Feel free to call us at 298-4700 if you have any questions regarding commencement or the many other graduation activities.



“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” — [Nelson Mandela](#)

Ceremony Information

Ceremony Date and Time

The graduation ceremony will be held at the Washington State Fair Events Center on **Saturday, June 10** from **1:30 to 3:30 p.m.** Seniors need to report to the Puyallup fairgrounds by **12:15 p.m.** Seating will open to families starting at **12:30 p.m.**

Ceremony Rehearsal Date and Time

All graduating seniors are required to attend a mandatory rehearsal at the fairgrounds on **Friday, June 9** from 10:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Be prompt as we will have much to go over and will practice line-up and walking procedures until it is done correctly.

Ceremony Attire

All graduating seniors are required to wear a cap and gown to participate in the Commencement Ceremony.

- Attire under gowns should be **formal** and comfortable.
- Shoes are required.
- **No messages or any decorations** whatsoever are allowed on your mortarboards (top of cap).
- Please press your gown prior to the graduation ceremony.

Jostens

Jostens provides graduation products such as caps and gowns, class rings, announcements, and other graduation items for our seniors to purchase. Cap and gown cost for the graduating class of 2017 will be \$42.00 plus \$9.95 s/h and 9.4% tax. Keep in mind to get your order in early to get the lower pricing, pricing does go up as of Dec 9, 2016. If for some reason you will not need the cap and gown later, Caps and Gown cost of \$42 + tax is refundable. For information on ordering caps and gowns, class rings, and other graduation items, contact Jostens at (253) 210-0575 or go to mortonoffice@jostens.com.

Tickets

Seniors will receive six (6) free tickets at the end of rehearsal on Friday, June 9th. Purchase additional tickets May 15th-June 7th at the cashier's window or at the gate on graduation day. Additional tickets are **\$7.00 each**.

Seating

Seating will be open to families and guests at 12:30 p.m. and will be on a first come, first served basis. Seating for the elderly and the individuals with disabilities is available on a first come, first served basis as well. We encourage you to arrive early and have at least one family member accompany those in special seating.

Parking

Free parking is available for families and guests in the Red and Gold parking lots. Please note: The Blue parking lot is reserved for participants attending another event. Do not park in this parking lot; it is not free parking.

Behavior Expectations

Because this is a school event, all school rules apply during the commencement ceremony. We encourage graduates not to ruin the event by using alcohol or drugs or by behaving in ways that will detract from the ceremony. Any senior found to be in violation of these rules (and other distractions not mentioned) will be removed from the graduation ceremony and will be subject to consequences according to school and district policy.

We encourage students, parents, and guests to express joy and excitement on this very special evening; however, we request that everyone refrain from bringing items that do not befit a formal ceremony. The following items, and other items not mentioned that could cause a distraction, are not allowed in the stadium.

- air horns
- Silly String®
- confetti
- balloons
- beach balls

Parents and guests are encouraged to remain in their seats as their child's name is called.

Board Members

Two school board members will be attending our commencement. Board members are key links to the success of our school district. They have the honor of shaking your hand as you receive a diploma. Dr. Frank Hewins, our Superintendent, will speak at graduation and accept the class after the principal presents seniors' qualifications to graduate.

Ceremony Speakers

The senior class will nominate ten speaker candidates from a list of class members who meet the eligibility requirements listed below. Selected students wishing to be considered for speaker will audition in front of a panel of students, staff, and parents. The panel will select the two speakers of their choice from the finalists. The class valedictorian will also have an opportunity to speak at the ceremony. Note: if the speaker is disqualified because of poor citizenship or does not meet graduation requirements, a student speaker will not be selected at this year's graduation.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Senior must have attended WHS in the 11th and 12th grade.
- Senior must have attended at least 4 periods a day at WHS in the senior year.
- Senior must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or higher at the time of selections.
- Senior must have no misbehavior suspensions or unethical activity in the senior year.

Honor Cords

Prior to the ceremony, students who have earned a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 through January 27th will receive an honor cord at no charge.

Valedictorian

The valedictorian will be the senior who has attended Washington High School all four years and has earned the highest grade point average in class. This individual must have attended four classes/periods a day on the Washington High School campus during his or her senior year and not have any suspensions for misbehavior or unethical activity. The valedictorian has the option of giving a speech at graduation. If this individual chooses not to speak, there will only be the two committee-selected speakers. If there is more than one valedictorian, each one has the option to speak.

Walking Partner

Start to think about whom you would like to walk with during graduation. A name card is given to seniors to assist in line placement and to give to the name announcers to read.

Pictures

A commercial photographer will be taking pictures of seniors shaking the hand of a school board member as they receive a diploma. Seniors will receive picture order information when they pick up their diploma beginning June 14.

Diploma Certificates

As seniors walk on the stage, they will receive a diploma cover. The actual diploma certificate will become available in the counseling center beginning June 12th. Seniors with fines will not be given a diploma. A fine list will be posted outside the cashier's office; check for fines! Seniors are encouraged to pick up their diplomas before the end of summer.

If a diploma has a spelling error, Washington High School will reorder it at no cost until June 10, 2018 (one year from graduation). Contact Jostens at (253) 210-0575 after June 11, 2018 if a diploma contains an error or is lost. Jostens imposes a fee to reorder a diploma after one year from the date of graduation. **Call us at 298-4700 if someone other than you will be picking up the diploma.**

Graduation Logistics

We do not keep copies of diplomas! We suggest making copies of your diploma to give to a trusted family member for safekeeping. If you lose your diploma and do not have a backup, first call Washington High School for graduation verification (we will in turn notify Jostens) and then contact Jostens to reorder a diploma. Jostens imposes a reprinting fee and can take up to two months to receive.

Fines and Fees

Return all school property (textbooks, supplies and materials, uniforms, etc.) and pay or clear fines prior to leaving on **Friday, June 2 (seniors' last day)**. See the fine list posted on the cashier's window if unsure of a fine. Mrs. Pedrique, our cashier, is available before school, during lunches, and after school. During the summer, the cashier's office is closed and the teachers gone; it is important to take care of fines and disputes prior to the school year ending. Otherwise, the matter will have to wait until the start of the next school year.

Grades and Transcripts

Final grades and transcripts will be available **July 5**. If you need additional transcripts for college, please call Mrs. Wiklund, at (253) 298-4713. Transcript requests for college admissions will be mailed in July.

Graduation Requirements

Each year a handful of seniors are behind in credits for various reasons or because they did not work hard the last few weeks. **NO EXCEPTIONS** will be made to those who do not meet graduation requirements. Stay focused until the end! To check credits or graduation status or to turn in other forms such as Running Start forms, see your counselor or call 298-4734.

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Implementation of Policy No. 6410: February 10, 2004

Only students that have completed all graduation requirements prior to the graduation ceremony will receive a high school diploma.

Graduation Requirements:

1. Pass State tests showing achievement in basic skills or complete State approved alternatives to those tests.
2. Develop High School and Beyond Plan
3. Complete and present culminating project (Portfolio)
4. Obtain a minimum of 22 credits in required courses.

Reunion Information

Senior class officers are typically responsible for future class reunions. It is important that you have some means by which to locate each other in the years ahead.

The Senior Class Officers:

President Ronalei Gasetoto ~~Will Birmingham~~

Vice-President Julia White ~~Kaleb Whitemarsh~~

Secretary ~~Chardonnay Williams~~ Sammaantra Samol

Treasurer Tupu Perofeta ~~Alexis Dixon~~

~~COA~~ ~~Clairriss Johnson~~

Senior Awards Assembly

A formal ceremony to recognize seniors and their achievements is on **Thursday, June 1, 2017 at 8:55 a.m.** to honor seniors and to distribute thousands of dollars in scholarships and awards. We encourage parents to attend and take pictures! Senior dress semi-formal as many district personnel and community members attend this special event to celebrate your success.

Notify the Counseling Center by **Monday, May 8th** of any outside awards or college acceptance letters you have received so we can recognize your accomplishments.

Every year, Washington High School faculty selects a senior with a minimum GPA of 3.3 or higher to receive the Most Outstanding Senior award. The award is given out at the Senior Awards Assembly in June. At that time, the student receives a plaque and his or her name is added to the trophy and kept in the main office.

Seniors' Last Day of School

The last regular school day for seniors is after the Moving-Up Assembly on **Friday, June 2, 2017**. Please empty lockers, return books, and pay fines before leaving.

Senior Prom

Senior Prom will be held **May 6th from 7:00 to 10:00 pm** at the Bass Pro Shop. Students cannot reenter the facility after 8:00 p.m. There is no exception to this rule! All fines must be cleared by prior to purchasing tickets. Tickets will be \$25 each and will include dinner, bowling and shoes, non-alcoholic beverages and dance entrance. A photographer will be available during prom to take pictures.

Testing Information

AP exam tests will be held **May 1-5** and **May 8-12**. Senior finals dates will be determined at a later date. You will be given more information closer to testing.

Senior Timeline

October 2016

- FASA Opens Oct 1

November 2016

- Senior Scholarship Notebook due Nov 1

January 2017

- Finals Exams (1st Semester) Jan 26, 27

April 2017

- Prom Dance Request forms become available at the Student Information Center Apr 3
- Purchase Prom Tickets at the cashier's window during lunch or after school Apr 3-27
(*May also be purchased online as long as senior does not have a fine.*)
- Senior Portfolio Presentations Apr 24-27
- Senior Class meeting during Pats in theater TBD

May 2017

- AP Exam Testing May 1-12
- Senior Prom Dance Request form and fine clearance deadline May 4
- Senior Prom at the Pro Bass May 6, 7:00-10:00p
- Senior Meeting in the theater during Pats TBD
- Purchase graduation tickets at cashier's window May 15-Jun 7

June 2017

- Senior Awards Assembly June 1, 8:55a
- Moving Up Assembly Jun 2
- Last day of school for seniors Jun 2
- Senior Finals TBD
- Senior Meeting after Finals (*Attendance is mandatory*) TBD
- Graduation Rehearsal at the Western Washington Puyallup Fairgrounds Jun 09, 10:45a-1:00p
(*Seniors will receive their six free tickets. Attendance is mandatory*) (Time tentative)
- Graduation Ceremony (*seniors are to arrive at the Western Washington Puyallup Fairgrounds by 12:15 p.m.*) Jun 10, 1:30p
(*Confirmed*)
- Pick up diploma in the main office starting June 12 Jun 12

Yearbook Information

The yearbook is the only book kept for a lifetime because it holds all of those high school memories that we revisit throughout our lives. Don't miss out, pick up your yearbook today!

Senior Personal Pages

Seniors are eligible to purchase additional, personal space in the yearbook! Before the design process begins, the yearbook staff will collaborate with students and their families to gather photos. Payment arrangements can be made with our cashier in the main office, Ms. Pedrique. For questions, email Mrs. Horst at ahorst@fpschools.org or call (253) 298-4700. Forms will be passed out in senior English.

Full Page	\$100.00
Half Page	\$60.00
Quarter Page	\$40.00

Senior Portraits

Senior portraits are due January 10, 2017!

You can also email a photo to Mrs. Horst at ahorst@fpschools.org or take it to room 222. Please check-in at the main office before going to her classroom. A digital or hard copy of the photo will be accepted. The photo must be at least 300 DPI, and digital copies are preferred: flash drive, CD, email...

Yearbook sale dates and cost increases:

September 1-30	\$50
December 1-January 31	\$60
May 7-June 22	\$65

Purchase yearbooks early because quantities are limited!