



Huntsville High School 2008 Graduation Information

Huntsville High School's 2008 commencement exercise will take place on Saturday, June 7, 2008 at the Bernard G. Johnson Coliseum on the Sam Houston State University Campus. The ceremony will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. Graduation is a dignified and formal ceremony filled with school pride and tradition. Graduates and guests are expected to maintain proper decorum bringing honor to you as graduates, your families, and to our school.

General Information:

Graduation practice will be held at 10:00 am on Wednesday, June 4th. **All seniors planning to march at graduation must attend graduation practice on Wednesday, June 4th.** Students should arrive no later than 9:00 am in the HHS commons area and will leave the commons area at approximately 9:30 a.m. to load alphabetically aligned school buses for the short trip to the coliseum. No food or drink will be allowed on the buses! Upon arrival at the coliseum, an adult chaperone will call out your last name at which time you will exit the bus, line up in alphabetical order and march into the coliseum in an orderly fashion. All marching members of the senior class will line up behind the valedictorian and salutatorian.

Fees and Fines – All teachers will submit a list of monetary obligations owed by HHS seniors to Mrs. Jenkins on or before Friday, May 23rd. Seniors must have all school records, textbooks, library books, uniforms, school-related projects and or fees and fines cleared before you will be allowed to attend graduation practice and to participate or march at graduation. We ask that all obligations be cleared by Friday, May 30th.

- ✓ Fees and fines/textbooks – Mrs. Jenkins in room 1015
- ✓ Library books – Librarians

The fees and fines list will be posted in the commons on the morning of graduation practice for last minute payments.

Final Transcripts - All universities require a final high school transcript showing your graduation date. Make sure to complete a *final transcript request* form before leaving campus. These are located in Mrs. Porter's/Mrs. Thompson's office, room 1007. **If you don't ask for a final transcript, the registrar does not know you need one!**

Caps and Gowns -

- ✓ All seniors enrolled at HHS may pick up caps and gowns during all lunches on Wednesday, May 28th in the HHS Commons.
- ✓ Caps and gowns for all graduating seniors enrolled at Westmoreland Learning Center and the HISD Transitional Discipline Academy will be delivered to your campus by one of the HHS administrators.

All seniors - HHS, WLC, HTDA – must be in dress code in order to pick up their caps and gowns. Remember, if you're using a borrowed cap and gown, it must be the correct color before you are allowed to march with your class.

Final Semester Exams – The following is the schedule for your final high school semester exams:

Monday, June 2, 2008

1st – final exam (7:50-9:25 am)
3a Mandatory Attendance Period
 (9:30-9:45am)
 3a – final exam (9:50-11:25 am)
 3b – final exam
 (w/4 lunches 11:30 am-1:40 pm)
 5th – final exam (1:45-3:30 pm)

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

2nd – final exam (7:50-9:25 am)
3b Mandatory Attendance Period
 (9:30-9:45am)
 4a – final exam (9:50-11:25 am)
 4b – final exam
 (w/4 lunches 11:30 am-1:40 pm)
 6th – final exam (1:45-3:30 pm)

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Senior arrival time 9:00 am
 Graduation Practice @
 Johnson Coliseum 10:00 am

Teachers are to notify Mrs. Thompson of any senior failures for the semester by 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 3rd at the latest. Official and final graduation marching list will be posted outside the counseling office, room 1007, on Tuesday, June 3rd shortly after 4:00 p.m. Please review the list when it is posted, otherwise you will learn your graduation status at graduation practice on Wednesday morning.



Your big day – GRADUATION itself - Upon arrival at the coliseum on Saturday, June 7th for graduation, marching seniors will report to the Health and Kinesiology Center (HKC Building) across the street from the coliseum at 9:00 a.m. At that time, they will line up in alphabetical order by last name. Please be on time at the HKC Building for line up! **Do not bring any personal belongings with you that cannot be left in your car (cell phones, pagers, etc.) as they will be confiscated. If you can't keep your car keys in your pocket, give them to a responsible adult family member to hold for you until after the ceremony.**

The four doors of the coliseum will open for guests at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 7th. Limited seating will be available for guests with disabilities on the coliseum floor. Guests with disabilities will be directed/escorted to the floor level by SHSU staff and or ushers. Because of limited space, only one person may accompany each guest with a disability on the floor level.

Graduates should dress in accordance with the tradition, dignity, and formality of this auspicious occasion. You are asked to wear your mortarboard FLAT with the tassel draped over your left temple. **No alterations or lettering is allowed on caps!** Male students are asked to wear white or lightly colored shirts with dark ties. Long sleeved shirts look best since the gown's sleeves will be short on some. Dress slacks or black pressed jeans with dress shoes or nice boots are acceptable. Female students are asked to wear dresses, skirt suits, or dark pants and dress shoes. Blue jeans and khakis are discouraged; shorts are not permissible. Seniors **are not** wearing the collars that may have been included in the cap/gown packet; **DO NOT WEAR**. Please refrain from chewing gum – this is a formal ceremony!

Graduates and guests are reminded that any inappropriate behavior detracting from the dignity of the ceremony may result in a law enforcement citation for interrupting the educational process.

Your actual diploma will be presented during the ceremony. It is especially important for you to be present and on time and in the correct alphabetical order to ensure you receive YOUR diploma without any mix-up! This diploma is the one-and-only in existence; there are no copies – be careful with it! It is your responsibility to keep up with it.

The Ceremony – A group of HISD administrators and HHS teachers will march in ahead of the graduates and be seated at the ends of each row. Seniors will enter following this group.

Our graduates will enter the coliseum two-by-two. When arriving at your row, please **remain standing until all graduates are in place**. Two (2) empty chairs are to be left for your top two graduates as they have a part in the program and will be returning to their chairs on the floor afterward. Immediately following the invocation's amen, sit down.

During applause after the valedictorian's speech, choir members will get up and go to their places in the choir section. After the song, senior choir members will return to their chairs.

When Mrs. McMillian calls for the Class of 2008 to come forward for their diplomas, only the front row will stand. You will go to your left, sign the senior book, proceed up the ramp and be given an index card with your name on it. Give this card to Mrs. Thompson to read your name. (Remember to help her with difficult pronunciations at graduation practice!!) Rows B-P will need to watch Mrs. Anderson for your cue to stand in unison. Please watch and encourage others to watch Mrs. Anderson for the signal that she demonstrated at practice. After receiving your diploma, return to your chair and sit **quietly** while the rest of the class is presented. The choir leaders will then move to the stage and lead the class in singing the school song. After the school song, graduates may toss their caps into the air. **HOLD ON TO YOUR DIPLOMA!** When the band begins the recessional, each row will exit in the center aisles in reverse order with the last row leaving first in descending order. Graduates in the last row are asked to continue walking all the way outside the coliseum to allow everyone to file out. It will be tremendously crowded in the lobby area; deciding on a meeting place for you and your family and friends beforehand would be very beneficial.



CONGRATULATIONS!
HHS CLASS OF 2008

