

GRADY HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR PARENT MEETING

Vincent D. Murray, Principal

Brandi Sabb and Willie Vincent, Senior Advisors

Shaketha Blankenship, Counselor

Shannon Cone, Counselor

Sheila Oliver, Counselor

Lamar Young, Counselor

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WELCOME!!!

On behalf of Dr. Murray, our principal, we welcome you to our first ever Senior Parent Meeting.

- Introductions of the Senior Team
 - Brandi Sabb and Willie Vincent, Senior Class Advisors
- What You Need to Know to GET GRAD READY!!!
- Herff Jones – Mike Toomer
- Senior Status Reports and Contracts – Guidance Dept.

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

- 24 unit course credits
 - Passing the Georgia High School Graduation Writing Test; all 5 contents areas (Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Writing) **OR** pass one of the two subject-area EOCT tests (example: a passing EOCT score in Biology **or** Physical Science can be used to replace a failing score on the Science GHSGT.
 - 75 hours of community service
 - Debt and fee clearance
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- Students are NOT permitted to participate in ANY senior activities, rehearsals, and/or ceremonies, including Visions of the Future and Graduation until ALL requirements have been met.

Area of study	Units required for Ninth-graders entering in 2008-2009 and beyond <i>Required courses in italics</i>
English/Language Arts	4 1 unit Ninth Grade Literature/Composition 1 unit American Literature/Composition 2 units English/Language Arts Core, including AP/IB courses
Mathematics	4 1 unit Mathematics 1 or equivalent 1 unit Mathematics 2 or equivalent 1 unit Mathematics 3 or equivalent 1 additional unit Mathematics Core, including AP/IB courses *See requirements for students with disabilities below
Science	4 1 unit Biology 1 1 unit Physical Science or Physics 1 1 unit Chemistry 1, Earth Systems, Environmental Science or an AP/IB course 1 unit Science Core, including AP/IB courses
Social Studies	3 ½ 1 unit United States History 1 unit World History ½ unit Economics/Business/Free Enterprise ½ unit World Geography ½ unit American Government/Civics
Modern Language/Latin	2 2 units of the same modern language or of Latin
Career, Technical and Agricultural Education, Modern Language/Latin or Fine Arts	1
Physical Education	1 ½ unit Personal Fitness
Health	½ ½ unit Health
Community Service	½
Required	20 ½
Electives	3 ½ 2 units related to thematic pathway
Total	24

NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

- Secondary Assessment Transition Changes go into effect 2011-2012 School Year.

Students who entered grade 9 for the first time between July 2008 and June 2011

- Must pass the GHSWT to be eligible for diploma
- Must pass one of the two subject-area EOCT or the corresponding subject-area GHSGT
- Are required to pass courses associated with EOCT, with EOCT contributing 15% to course grade

ATTENDANCE

- Seniors with 10 or more unexcused absences per class are in jeopardy of credit denial barring the results of a mandatory appeals hearing.
- Student Attendance Team
 - Dr. David Propst, Assistant Principal
 - Elesha Williams, School Social Worker
 - Amy Boles, Attendance Specialist

CALENDAR AND DATES

- **February 29th** Last day to buy yearbook ads at regular price (\$165/\$220/\$330)
- **March 7th** Cap and gown pictures after school (on campus)
- ***April 11th** FINAL deadline for senior dues (\$200) to Ms. Rhodes-Igherighe in the Main Office
- **April 16th** Community service deadline – ALL SENIORS MUST SUBMIT 75 HRS OF SERVICE
- **April 16th – 20th** Senior Week
- **April 28th** Prom
- **May 7th – 10th** Senior Final Exams
- **May 9th** Honors Night in the theater

CALENDAR AND DATES

- **May 11th** Senior Showcase and Credit Notifications
- **May 14th** Deadline for Senior Exam Retakes
- **May 15th** Senior yearbook signing party at 2:00pm
- **May 16th-18th, 21st** **Mandatory School Graduation Rehearsal and Seminars**
- **May 19th** Visions of the Future at 10:00am at Grady High School
- **May 22nd** **Mandatory Dress Rehearsal for Graduation at Atlanta Civic Center at 8:00-9:30am**
- **May 24th** Graduation at Atlanta Civic Center at 3:00pm

SENIOR DUES

- Senior dues are now \$200. Dues include:
 - **Cap and gown**
 - **Diploma cover**
 - School yearbook (\$70 flat fee)
 - Senior trophies and awards
 - Decorations and logistics for Visions of the Future
 - Parent gifts at Visions of the Future
 - Senior token of appreciation at Visions of the Future
 - Programs for Visions of the Future
 - Printing costs and logistics for graduation
 - Senior picnic, t-shirts, logistics, entertainment, activities
 - Graduation transportation
 - Class legacy gift to the school

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

We strongly encourage and welcome the participation of foreign exchange students in senior activities.

- FES will be acknowledged during the Visions of the Future and Graduation ceremonies. They will be seated in a reserved VIP section. FES should adhere to the graduation dress code.
- Foreign exchange students who chose to participate in ANY senior activities must pay senior dues. If students opt to purchase a yearbook, then their dues are \$120. Foreign exchange students that solely chose to participate in senior activities (except the graduation ceremony) and elect not to purchase a yearbook must pay \$50.00.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES & COMMITTEES

- MEET OUR SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT
KENNETH COCHRAN
 - Senior Gift
 - Big Knight/Little Knight
 - Senior Showcase
 - Senior Activities
 - Visions of the Future and Graduation
- *Visions of the Future is the Senior class farewell ceremony. It serves as the collaborative celebration of the work, legacy, and memories of being a senior at Grady High School.*

VISIONS & GRADUATION

- **Graduation is a privilege not a right.**
- Seniors must complete all APS graduation requirements to participate in senior activities, the Visions and Graduation ceremony, and to receive a high school diploma.
- Disruptive activities anytime during the remainder of the school year will jeopardize participation in senior activities including the graduation ceremony.
- Disruptive behavior during senior activities, rehearsals and/or during the ceremonies, failing to comply with the code of conduct and dress code will result in seniors receiving their diploma during a parent conference held with a school administrator in August 2013.
- Failure to attend and/or tardiness to graduation rehearsals will result in denial of participation in the graduation ceremony.

VISIONS & GRADUATION DRESS CODE

LADIES

- Conservatively styled white dresses
- Flesh-toned stockings (no patterns)
- White closed-toe shoes (2 inches or lower) **NO STILETTOS**
- Stud-styled earrings.
- For safety reasons, the Atlanta Civic Center is very strict about the shoe code. Your daughter will not be able to participate if the shoes do not meet these specifications. All students should note that **NO flip-flops** are permitted.

GENTLEMEN

- Black dress slacks
- Black dress shoes
- White dress shirt
- Black tie
- **NO SNEAKERS OR TENNIS SHOES**

GRADUATION LOGISTICS

- Tickets
 - Tickets are allocated based on final graduating class size.
 - Distributed along with cap and gown.
 - Date contingent upon graduation rehearsal schedule and attendance.
- Diploma Distribution
 - Diploma will be distributed immediately after the graduation ceremony. Plan accordingly.
- Rehearsals
 - May 16th-18th, 21st **Mandatory School Graduation Rehearsal and Seminars at 9:00am – 1:00pm**
 - May 22nd **Mandatory Dress Rehearsal for Graduation at Atlanta Civic Center at 8:00-9:30am**

GRADUATION LOGISTICS

- Seniors are required to attend school through May 21st.
- Rehearsals and seminar will run from 9:00am – 1:00pm daily.
- Parents **MUST** sign students out from school via the attendance office if seniors opt to leave school after 1:00pm.
- Seniors must remain for the entire duration of all graduation rehearsals and seminars. Plan accordingly.

HERFF JONES INFO

- Welcome Mike Toomer.
 - toomer_m@bellsouth.net
 - Visit <http://www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/Page/22087>.

SENIOR STATUS REPORTS AND CONTRACTS

- Our guidance counselors are here tonight to provide each senior parent with a senior status packet. Senior status packets will include the following information for EVERY senior:
 - Required senior contract for graduation from Grady High School
 - Graduation projection summary forms
 - Student debts and dues status
 - Course credit status
 - Required community service hours status
 - Required testing status
 - Senior calendar

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SENIOR STATUS REPORTS AND CONTRACTS

- A member of the Grady Guidance and Counseling Department will be seated in the atrium in the following format:

Mrs. Blankenship, last names A-Z (magnet students)

Mr. Young, last names A-H (non-magnet)

Mr. Cone, last names I-Q (non-magnet)

Mrs. Oliver, last names R-Z (non-magnet)

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