



GLACIER HIGH SCHOOL

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*Graduation Information*

PARENT & STUDENT BULLETIN

# PRE-GRADUATION INFORMATION

## PURPOSE OF THIS BULLETIN

With so many dates and details leading up to graduation, the GHS administrative team has compiled a list of the most important specifics for seniors and their parents. Read this bulletin carefully, check in with your teachers often and visit the GHS website's [Graduation Information section](#) for additional information as it becomes available.

## SENIOR MEMORY SLIDE SHOW

A committee of seniors is putting together a slide show highlighting the accomplishments, activities and events of high school and even memories from earlier years with their classmates. Please submit candid photos (not your posed senior photo) electronically to Trena Fuller at [fullert@sd5.k12.mt.us](mailto:fullert@sd5.k12.mt.us) by 3:30pm on **FRIDAY, MAY 12**. The presentation will be shown at the senior class meeting on June 1. The photos must be appropriate for a school venue. **The photos submitted are for the senior class meeting only. They are not for the graduation ceremony.**

## SENIOR CELEBRATION (GHS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS NIGHT)

The Senior Celebration is an annual event highlighting student scholarship and outstanding achievement. The Glacier High School Senior Celebration is **WEDNESDAY, MAY 10**. It begins at 6:00pm in the GHS Performance Hall followed by a reception in the commons. GHS graduates will be awarded thousands of dollars in scholarship funds contributed by community service groups, local businesses, and many caring and generous individuals.

## SUBMITTING SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Please notify the Glacier High School Career Center of ALL local, state, national, and school specific scholarships that have been awarded to the student. Please submit official and accurate information by **TUESDAY, MAY 16** at 3:30pm. This list will be shared with friends, family, community, newspapers and online. Submit scholarship information on the [Glacier High School Career Center Website](#).

Please use the following format (name only, no other information needed):

Jane Doe	MSU Freshman Distinction Scholarship
	Carroll College All Saints Scholarship
	American's Junior Miss Scholarship Foundation
John Smith	Concordia College Excellence Scholarship
	Plum Creek Employee Scholarship

For questions or information please contact Billie Crawford in the Glacier High School Career Center at 406-758-8600, ext 8634 or [crawfordb@sd5.k12.mt.us](mailto:crawfordb@sd5.k12.mt.us)

## SENIOR EXIT SURVEY

It is important for each graduating senior to complete the Senior Exit Survey. Seniors will have the opportunity to complete the survey during class on **WEDNESDAY, MAY 24**. Senior Information Packets and Distinction Cords will also be distributed at the Survey Site. The survey link will also be available on the [Glacier High School Career Center Website](#). This five-minute survey asks many important questions including where seniors would like their final transcript sent.

## SENIOR INFORMATION PACKET

Each senior will receive a personalized packet of records and information regarding graduation ceremony. The student's original immunization record will be included with the packet so it's important to not lose it. The packet will be distributed during the Senior Exit Survey on **WEDNESDAY, MAY 24**.

# PRE-GRADUATION INFORMATION

## TEXTBOOKS AND LIBRARY MATERIALS RETURN DEADLINE

Seniors must return all textbooks and library materials no later than 3:30pm on **WEDNESDAY, MAY 31**. All textbooks and library materials (including calculators) not returned by 3:30pm on Wednesday, June 1 will be marked as lost and billed to student accounts which must be paid prior to receiving a diploma.

## FINE PAYMENT

In order to receive your diploma at the graduation ceremony, all school fees and fines must be paid by 3:30pm on **THURSDAY, JUNE 1**. Payment will be accepted online using the Parent Portal in PowerSchool (found under Balance) or in the Glacier High Main Office. If you do not receive your diploma at the graduation ceremony, you may pay your remaining balance and pick up your diploma starting Monday, June 5 in the Main Office. Official school transcripts will not be released until all school fees and fines are paid.

## LOCKER CHECK OUT

All seniors must be checked out of their lockers by 3:30pm on **WEDNESDAY, MAY 31**. Tape and decorations must be removed and trash disposed of in the proper receptacles. A bin will be available by the Main Office for recycling of like-new school supplies such as three-ring binders, pencils, and paper.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students not meeting GHS graduation requirements by **FRIDAY, JUNE 2** at 3:00pm will not participate in the graduation ceremony on Saturday. The diploma will be issued after all graduation requirements have been satisfied. Please review page 27 & 28 in the [Student and Parent Handbook](#) for additional information.

## SENIOR PRANKS

Individuals will be held accountable for senior pranks that promote illegal activities on school property. This includes actions that are disruptive, distracting, incompatible, or harmful to school operations. Depending upon the severity of the illegal activity, the discipline consequence may include suspension, expulsion and/or exclusion from the graduation ceremony.

## SENIOR SKIP DAYS

The administration does not condone senior skip days. Seniors are responsible for attending all classes, reporting on time, and making up any work missed due to an absence. Missing class may severely hinder a student's ability to master the subject matter and this may be reflected in the semester grade.

## STUDENT GRADUATION ADVISORY

A group of seniors have worked diligently to put together a great graduation ceremony. Their efforts have focused on making graduation a special occasion for students, staff and community. The administration would like to thank the advisory committee for their forward thinking and diligence in designing a graduation that reflects the awesome accomplishments of the Class of 2023.

# GRADUATION DAY INFORMATION

## CLASS OF 2023 COMMENCEMENT

Glacier High School's 15th senior class will be graduating on **SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2023 AT 10:00 AM** in the Glacier High School gym. There will be approximately 300 graduates participating in the ceremony.

## GRADUATION CEREMONY 2023 WEBCAST FREE LIVE FEED

Please go to the [GHS Website](#) for a link to the live feed.

## GRADUATION CEREMONY TIMELINE

All seniors must arrive at Glacier High School no later than 9:00am on **SATURDAY, JUNE 3**. Processional lines will form at 9:30am with the ceremony starting promptly at 10:00am. We anticipate the ceremony will take approximately 2 hours.

## BACCALAUREATE

There will be a nondenominational church service for the graduates and their families on **SATURDAY, JUNE 3**. The service starts at 8:00am in the Glacier High School Performance Hall. There are no assigned seats and students do not wear their cap and gown. The service is not hosted by the school and is included in this bulletin as a courtesy to the community.

## SENIOR CLASS MOTTO

*"Nothing we do can change the past, but everything we do changes the future." -Ashleigh Brilliant*

## DRESS EXPECTATIONS

All graduating seniors participating in the diploma ceremony must wear the GHS cap and gown. No tape, feathers, flowers, plastic animals, glitter, leis, bouquets or other adornments are allowed on the caps or gowns. The only acceptable achievement cords, stoles and medallions will be the ones issued by GHS. Graduates must wear appropriate clothes under their gowns and shoes are required. Native Americans wishing to represent their cultural heritage may adorn culturally significant tribal regalia to their cap. Please see [Student and Parent Handbook](#) page 28 for details.

## TOUCH OF CLASS

After years of community input concerning graduation, the message to the administration has been clear and consistent. The vast majority want a ceremony that mirrors the incredible achievements and hard work of our students. Let's come together and show our "touch of class" by displaying dignified, appropriate behavior at the ceremony. Only behaviors that reflect positively on the accomplishments of our students will be tolerated. Students who display inappropriate behavior or extremes of any nature will forfeit the opportunity to participate in the ceremony and will pick up their diplomas from the principal on Monday, June 7. Please review the section on graduation conduct on page 28 of the [Student and Parent Handbook](#) for additional information.

# GRADUATION DAY INFORMATION

## VEHICLE PARKING

Please park in the designated parking lots. There are 874 parking spots on the campus so carpooling is encouraged. Roadways will be kept clear of illegally parked cars so that we have a wide path for emergency vehicles if needed.

## EXITING THE CAMPUS

We have three exits out of the campus. Please be patient and drive safely when everyone is trying to leave after the ceremony. Designated traffic directors have been hired to help with the flow, but it still may take time to exit.

## GOWN RECYCLING

Please consider recycling the blue graduation gown. There will be a box located by the Main Office for seniors to deposit their gowns. Recycling the gown is a great way to help future graduates who may not be able to afford the attire.

## PHOTO OPS, BALLOONS AND AIR HORNS

We will have graduation decorations located in the commons area for special pictures of the graduates. Please do not bring balloons inside the facility. They block the view of our patrons and may cause our fire alarms to go off if they float to the ceiling. We respectfully request that you leave the use of air horns for the outside post ceremony. Air horns are especially annoying to our patrons using hearing aides and block graduates names when read.

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Please alert an administrator or door usher immediately if medical services are needed during the graduation ceremony. An automated external defibrillator is located in room G135 which is to the right of the vending machines and main level gym doors.

## SEMESTER 2 SENIOR ASSESMENT SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2023			WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2023		
Period 1	8:15 - 9:05	<b>ASSESMENT</b>	Period 1	8:15 - 9:05	No class
Period 2	9:10 - 10:05	<b>ASSESMENT</b>	Period 2	9:10 - 10:05	No class
Period 3	10:10 - 11:00	<b>ASSESMENT</b>	Period 3	10:10 - 11:00	No class
Period 4	11:05 - 11:55	<b>ASSESMENT</b>	Period 4	11:05 - 11:55	No class
Early Lunch	11:55 - 12:35		Early Lunch	11:55 - 12:35	
Period 5	12:35 - 1:25	<b>REGULAR CLASS: ATTENDANCE REQUIRED</b>	Period 5	12:35 - 1:25	<b>ASSESMENT</b>
Period 5	12:00 - 12:50	<b>REGULAR CLASS: ATTENDANCE REQUIRED</b>	Period 5	12:00 - 12:50	
Late Lunch	12:50 - 1:30		Late Lunch	12:50 - 1:30	<b>ASSESMENT</b>
Period 6	1:30 - 2:20	<b>REGULAR CLASS: ATTENDANCE REQUIRED</b>	Late Lunch	1:30 - 2:20	
Period 7	2:25 - 3:15	<b>REGULAR CLASS: ATTENDANCE REQUIRED</b>	Period 7	2:25 - 3:15	<b>ASSESMENT</b>

## THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2023

Periods 1-4	8:15-11:55	No class	
Period 5	12:00-1:15	Graduation Information/Senior Class Meeting	All seniors required to attend
Period 6 & 7	1:30-2:30	Final GHS Assembly to Follow Senior Class Meeting	

### GRADUATION INFORMATION/SENIOR CLASS MEETING

The graduation ceremony information meeting is scheduled for **THURSDAY, JUNE 1**, at 12:00 in the Performance Hall. Seniors will be given information and instructions about the graduation ceremony at this time. **ALL GRADUATING SENIORS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND.** We anticipate the meeting lasting until 1:15pm.



# ACADEMIC HONORS & DISTINCTION CHARTS

## GRADUATING SUMMA CUM LAUDE (4.00 GPA Cumulative)

A special designation is reserved for 4.00 cumulative GPA's in the senior class. Students earning this honor will wear the green cord at graduation. In order to be considered for this honor, students must maintain a 4.00 cumulative grade point average through midterm of quarter 4.

## GRADUATING MAXIMA CUM LAUDE

Early graduates and junior graduates that meet the 4.00 GPA requirement will receive a teal cord.

## GRADUATING MAGNA CUM LAUDE AND CUM LAUDE

Students who have a cumulative GPA of between 3.75 and 3.99 will graduate Magna Cum Laude and are eligible to wear a silver distinction cord at graduation. Students who have a cumulative GPA of between 3.50 and 3.74 will graduate Cum Laude and are eligible to wear a white honor cord at graduation.

## GRADUATING WITH MERIT AND DISTINCTION

Seniors may receive recognition beyond the diploma by completing requirements in additional subject categories. In addition to the 22 credits needed to graduate, each distinction will require an additional four credits for a total of 26 credits. It is possible to earn multiple distinctions. Additional information is in the [Student and Parent Handbook](#) on pages 30-32.

## MERIT & DISTINCTION CORD APPLICATION DEADLINE

In order to wear a distinction cord at graduation you must fill out an application form. (GPA-based academic honor cords do not require a application) All applications must be returned to the appropriate department leader with an attached GHS transcript for review. Please see Carrie Williams in the Counseling Center for a printed transcript.

The deadline for all distinction applications is **THURSDAY, MAY 4.**

## ACADEMIC HONORS AND DISTINCTION CORD DISTRIBUTION

Academic Honors and Distinction Cords will be distributed during the Senior Exit Survey on **WEDNESDAY, MAY 24.**

# GHS DISTINCTION CORDS



# ACADEMIC HONORS & DISTINCTION CHARTS

## ACADEMIC HONOR REQUIREMENTS

NAME OF RECOGNITION	CORD WORN AT CEREMONY	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACCOMPLISHMENT
Summa Cum Laude	Green	4.00 cum GPA
Maxima Cum Laude	Teal	4.00 cum GPA Early and Junior Grads
Magna Cum Laude	Silver	3.75 - 3.99 cum GPA
Cum Laude	White	3.50 - 3.74 cum GPA

## DISTINCTION CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

DISTINCTION	AP Merit Distinction <i>Gold Cord</i>	Fine Arts Distinction <i>Royal Blue Cord</i>	Humanities Distinction <i>Light Blue Cord</i>		STEM Distinction <i>Purple Cord</i>			Career and Technical Education Distinction <i>Red Cord</i>	
PATHWAY	AP Merit Pathway	Music, Theatre, Visual Art Pathway	International Language Pathway	Social Science Pathway	Science Pathway	Engineering Pathway	Math Pathway	Agriculture Pathway	Business Pathway
ENGLISH	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
MATH	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	4.0*	4.0*	5.0*	3.0	3.0
SOCIAL SCIENCE	2.5	2.5	3.0*	4.0*	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
SCIENCE	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	5.0*	3.0*	3.0*	3.0	2.0
INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE	2.0*	--	4.0*	2.0*	--	--	--	--	--
FINE ARTS	1.0	4.0*	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
HEALTH ENHANCEMENT	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
VOCATIONAL	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	--	--	--	--	--
ENGINEERING	--	--	--	--	1.0*	4.0*	1.0*	--	--
AGRICULTURE	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.0*	--
BUSINESS	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.0*
COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
GENERAL ELECTIVES	7.0	7.0	5.5	6.5	6.0	5.0	7.0	6.0	8.0
TOTAL	26.0	26.0	26.0	26.0	26.0	26.0	26.0	26.0	26.0

\* Note: Credit requirements with an asterisk are a requirement above and beyond regular GHS graduation requirements.



