



GRADUATION 2019

INFORMATION BULLETIN



COMMENCEMENT

The graduation ceremony is scheduled for Friday, May 31, at 7:00 p.m. in the Flathead High School Gymnasium. Doors to the gymnasium will open at 5:30 p.m. There will be entertainment and concessions until the start of the ceremony.

After the graduation ceremony, it is our hope that all graduates will spend the evening and the following day with their family and relatives at home. Graduates can then look forward to their senior party Saturday evening, knowing out of town guests, relatives, and family are satisfied that they had quality time available to spend with their graduate.

SEATING & ALTERNATIVE VIEWING

We are anticipating 335 graduates at the commencement exercise. We have seating capacity for approximately 2,850 people and feel this will be adequate to accommodate all parents, relatives, and friends.

Our ceremony will be televised in the commons and auditorium. In addition, we will be streaming the ceremony over the internet for out of town family and friends that were unable to attend. Please visit our website at www.sd5.k12.mt.us/fhs for the link.

GRADUATION BACCALAUREATE

A student led, voluntary Graduation Baccalaureate service will be held Thursday, May 30 at 10:00a.m. in the Flathead High School auditorium. Seniors do not have to wear their cap and gown. Families may sit with their graduates. There are no assigned seats. The Graduation Baccalaureate service is not a school sanctioned event.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students not meeting FHS graduation requirements by Thursday, May 30, at 3:00 p.m. will not participate in the graduation ceremony on Friday. The diploma will be issued after all graduation requirements have been satisfied. Please review the Student Handbook for additional information.

GRADUATION REHEARSAL

There will be a mandatory senior class assembly in the large gym Wednesday, May 29, at 1:35 pm. Graduation information will follow the assembly in the FHS auditorium. Seniors will be given graduation ceremony instructions at this time.

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP CEREMONY

Please plan on attending our senior awards ceremony on Wednesday, May 22. The ceremony will be in the FHS auditorium starting at 6:00p.m. Seniors receiving awards will be notified by Mr. Kelly in the Career Center. Award recipients are expected to attend. **Business casual attire, please.**

DISTINCTION CORDS *

Name of Recognition	Cord Worn at Ceremony	Brief Description of Accomplishment
IB Diploma	Orange Stole	Full IB Diploma
Summa Cum Laude	Orange	4.0 cumulative GPA through 7.5 semesters
Magna Cum Laude	Silver	3.75 - 3.99 cumulative GPA through 7 semesters
Cum Laude	White	3.5 - 3.74 cumulative GPA through 7 semesters
Merit Distinction	Gold	6 IB credits - test in 3
Career Field Distinction	Red	3 credits Career Field Focus
Fine Arts Distinction	Purple	4 yrs. Music or Visual Arts, or 3 yrs. Theatre /3.2 GPA
Health Science Distinction	Teal	3 credits Bio Medical Science/ 3.2 GPA
Engineering Distinction	Navy Blue	3 credits Engineering Focus /3.2 GPA
International Lang. Distinction	Light Blue	4 yrs, International Language Focus/3.2 GPA
Civics Distinction	Charcoal	4 credits of Social Science /3.2
Agriculture Distinction	Burgundy	4 credits Agriculture Ed.

* See Registration Handbook or Department Leader for additional requirements.

In order to be considered for Summa Cum Laude honors, students must maintain a 4.0 G.P.A. through 8 semesters. Students that meet the 4.0 G.P.A. requirement, (early or Jr. graduates) but not the 8 semesters will receive a black and orange cord. **Applications for each distinction are available on the FHS website and are due Friday, May 10.** Students may pick up their cord(s) during the graduation rehearsal on Wednesday, May 29.



**Congratulations
Class of 2019!**

SENIOR PACKETS

Seniors will receive a packet regarding graduation. The student's original immunization record will be included with the packet and will no longer be available from Flathead High School, so be sure to keep it in a safe place. Packets may be picked up beginning May 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the FHS main office.

SENIOR PARTY

The senior party is scheduled for Saturday, June 1 from 9:00 p.m. - 3:00 a.m. Picture ID is required for entry. Doors close at 11:00 p.m. The party will be held at the Summit and is hosted by senior parents. Senior party tickets are now on sale for \$35 through May 24 and are \$40 thereafter; **Tickets purchased at the door are cash only!** The party is not a school-sanctioned event, but we strongly encourage all seniors to attend. It will be a fun-filled evening of music, games, food and lots of prizes! A great way to end a special occasion.

GRADUATION PHOTOGRAPHS

Everyone will be photographed.

Lifetouch Studios will be taking photographs of all seniors as they graduate. If you visit events.lifetouch.com, you can sign up to receive notification when your student's proofs are online and ready to order. Personalized keepsakes are also available; there is no obligation to purchase.

DRESS EXPECTATIONS

All graduating seniors participating in the ceremony must wear the FHS cap and gown. Cap and gown are available for purchase through Jostens by contacting Jim Netz at (406) 452-6390. Graduates must wear appropriate dress under their gowns, including shoes. **No tape, glitter, leis, bouquets, or any other adornments are allowed on the caps or gowns.** Requests for SB 319 exemptions must be made to Ms. Paine by Tuesday, May 28.

SENIOR PRANKS

Individuals will be held accountable for senior pranks that promote illegal activities at school. 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 or expulsion and exclusion from the graduation ceremony.

LOCKER CHECKOUT AND LOCK RETURN

All seniors must be checked out of their lockers with the proper lock returned to the main office by Wednesday, May 29. Failure to turn in the correct lock **and clean out locker** will result in a \$25 fine.

FINE PAYMENT

All school fines must be paid before students will receive their diploma insert at the graduation ceremony or their final transcript. Students should check with the library, activities, cafeteria, and main office to make sure that all fines or money due have been paid. Payment will be accepted at the main office until 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 30. Students not having their fines paid by then will have to come to the main office to pay fines and pick up their diploma insert starting Monday, June 3. If you have or will be requesting a final transcript be sent to a college or university, the transcript will be sent after all fees and fines have been paid.



Senior Class Motto:
*"What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters
compared to what lies within us"*
~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

SENIOR ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

Buses run on the regular schedule.



Tuesday, May 28

Period 1	8:15 - 9:05	Regular class
Period 2	9:10 - 10:05	Regular class
Period 3	10:10 - 11:00	Regular class
Period 4	11:05 - 11:55	Regular class
Early Lunch	11:55 - 12:35	
Period 5-1	12:35 - 1:25	Assessment
Period 5-2	12:00 - 12:50	Assessment
Late Lunch	12:50 - 1:30	
Period 6	1:30 - 2:20	Assessment
Period 7	2:25 - 3:15	Assessment

Wednesday, May 29

Period 1	8:15 - 9:05	Assessment
Period 2	9:10 - 10:05	Assessment
Period 3	10:10 - 11:00	Assessment
Period 4	11:05 - 11:55	Assessment
	11:55 - 1:30	Lunch
	1:35	Senior Assembly in Gym with senior meeting to follow in auditorium