

PARK CENTER SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY PLANNING



Parents/Guardians of Graduating Seniors:

We are proud to announce commencement for the Class of 2026 on Sunday, June 7th at 1:00 p.m.

At **U.S. Bank Stadium, 401 Chicago Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55415**

This letter provides you with important information about the final weeks of the school year for seniors and details regarding graduation and the commencement ceremony.

In preparation for Commencement on June 8th, Seniors should complete the following:

- Required Credits
- Advisory Assignments
- Chromebook Collection
- Fines/Fees
- CRC Clearance form

If you have any questions or concerns about completing any of these items, please reach out to Administration.

LAST WEEKS OF SCHOOL AND CLEARANCE DETAILS FOR SENIORS

Advisory – work from previous trimesters/years should be turned in to advisors immediately to allow ample time for review and grade changes to be processed.

Behavior – any student planning to participate in commencement who becomes involved in planning and/or participating in any inappropriate, dis-respectful, illegal and/or unsafe activities on the school premises and/or at school activities, may lose the privilege to participate in commencement.

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Adjunto se encuentra un documento que contiene información importante de la escuela de su hijo. Por favor solicite que le traduzcan esta información tan pronto como sea posible. Muchas gracias.

Cap, Gown, Tassel & Medallion – are provided by PCSH free of charge for seniors and are theirs to keep. The cap, gown, and tassel will be distributed to eligible seniors on their last day of school, **Thursday, June 4th, during all three lunches from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the North Gym.** Medallions will be distributed at PC, prior to loading buses to Mariucci Arena. ****Seniors must present a completed clearance form to receive a ticket for their cap and gown****

Clearance Forms/Golden Ticket – Will be given to all seniors during Advisory on Wednesday, May 14th. This form is utilized to confirm that each senior has satisfactorily fulfilled all of the prerequisites for graduation. ***Students must turn in their completed clearance form by May 27th for a pass to receive a cap and gown on Thursday, June 4th, during cap and gown distribution.*** Students who do not attend Advisory can pick up their clearance form from Ms. Waldman in the front office on May 13th.

Commencement Meetings – will be during Advisory, on Wednesday, May 13th and Thursday, June 4th.

Commencement Participation Fee – the School Board approved fee is \$20 per senior and payable online through EduTrak on the PCSH website April 1st to June 2nd. If you would prefer to pay at school, please see Ms. Waldman or Mr. Newell in the front office. Payment at school is cash only.

Fines – all fines must be paid and/or materials returned before a student will be cleared to pick up his/her cap and gown and/or participate in commencement.

High Honor, Honor & National Honor Society Students – a list of students graduating with Honors or High Honors will be posted outside the Student Support Office, Schoology, and website. Honor recognition is based on the student’s cumulative grade point average for grades 9, 10 and 11 and the first two trimesters of his/her senior year (first semester for PSEO students).

Honor tassels and High Honor stoles will be available for purchase in EduTrak or may be purchased during cap and gowns distributions on Tuesday, June 4th.

- **Gold Stoles \$15.00** – High Honor students (3.8 GPA and above) may purchase and wear the High Honor gold stole.
- **Honor Tassels \$6.00** – High Honor and Honor students (3.0 cumulative GPA and above) may purchase a gold honor tassel to be worn in place of the green and gold tassel.
- **National Honor Society Cords \$8.00** – NHS members are entitled to purchase and wear an honor cord. The honor cord is worn on the left shoulder.

IB Recognition – several recognition options are available for students participating in International Baccalaureate (IB) courses at Park Center.

- **White IB Stoles** – Students who complete all **requirements** necessary to earn an IB Diploma will wear an embroidered white stole from IB. Eligible students will receive this when they pick up their cap and gown.
- **IB Pins** – Students who complete all requirements necessary to earn an IB Diploma will be given an IB pin.
- **IB Tassels** – Any student taking at least one IB exam may wear a blue IB tassel, including a small IB medallion to be worn in addition to your PC tassel. Eligible students will receive this when they pick up their cap and gown.

Senior Timeline

DATE	TASK	Time
May 13	Senior Clearance Form Distribution. Seniors can turn in the Clearance Form May 13th – May 26th	Advisory PSEO/OALC Student see Ms. Waldman/Mr. Newell in front office
May 26	Last Day to Turn in Clearance Form to Ms. Waldman/Mr. Newell	By 2:00 p.m.
May 27	Golden Ticket Distribution - Seniors will need this ticket and to return technology to pick up their cap/gown on June 3.	Advisory PSEO/OALC Student see Ms. Waldman/Mr. Newell in front office
June 2	Material and Chromebook Collection	English Class
June 4	Senior Class Meeting	Advisory
June 4	Seniors Last Day of School	Thursday
June 4	Cap and Gown Distribution	During your Assigned Lunch
June 7	Senior arrival at PCSH. Come dressed and ready to go in all commencement attire. NO BAGS OR PERSONAL ITEMS	11:00 a.m.
June 7	Commencement Ceremony at U.S Bank Stadium	1:00 p.m.

Congratulations Class of 2026



COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY DETAILS

Commencement
Sunday, June 7th, at 1:00 p.m.
U.S. Bank Stadium

Arrival Time – Seniors will be bussed to and from commencement. Seniors should arrive at PCSH at 11:00 a.m., dressed in all commencement attire and ready to board buses. Students are not to bring bags or personal items. **Spectators** are encouraged to arrive at U.S. Bank Stadium by 12:00 p.m. Allow ample time for parking.

Attire for Graduates

- All participants **must wear** the PCSH gown, cap, tassel, and medallion.
- Students will not be allowed to wear items that compromise the dignity of the graduation ceremony.
- Graduation caps (mortarboards) and gowns cannot be modified in any way (with the sole exception of the display of American Indian ceremonial regalia).
- A student may wear a stole that reflects their culture as long as the stole:
 - has no letters, words, acronyms, or phrases (with the exception of the words: Class of 2026).
 - has no political messages/symbols
 - has no messages/symbols that could reasonably offend others; and,
 - is not adorned with messages/symbols that reflect membership/affiliation with an organization.
- Attire and shoes worn under the gown must be appropriate for a formal, traditional ceremony (dress shoes/dress sandals, dress pants, dress shirts, skirts, or dresses).
- ***Graduates are not to bring purses, backpacks, bags, wallets, or other personal items due to security issues.***

Audience Etiquette – commencement is a time of great celebration. However, at times, the celebratory sounds of one family have made it difficult for the next family to hear their child's name read. Please give **all** students the respect and attention they have earned by refraining from catcalls, whistles, etc. so that all names may be heard as they are announced. ***Air horns, noisemakers and balloons are prohibited!***

Behavior – students who appear to be under the influence of alcohol or any chemical will be denied the privilege of participating in commencement.

Diplomas – graduates will receive their diploma cover during the ceremony; the actual diplomas will be disbursed to the graduates on the bus during the return to PCHS. ***Please note - diplomas are not mailed, and we do not keep copies of student diplomas.***

Handicapped Access – Handicapped Access is TBD. Once we have the information, we will share it.

Parking – a map is included in this letter. We encourage you to visit the U.S. Bank Stadium website <https://www.usbankstadium.com/plan-your-visit/directions>

for more detailed information and identify your preferred parking option plus a backup option. Parking rates should be approximately \$5-\$8, and cash, or credit/debit cards accepted.

Pictures – please take pictures at home prior to or following the ceremony. A professional photographer from Kemmetmueller Photography will take an individual picture of each student accepting his/her diploma folder.

Seating- Seating TBD

Streaming of Commencement–CCX Media will livestream and record the PCSH Commencement Ceremony for online and TV viewing. The player windows will go LIVE at the start of the ceremony and will then be available for on-demand viewing after the ceremony. Look for *On-Demand viewing of Park Center Senior High School Commencement Ceremony*

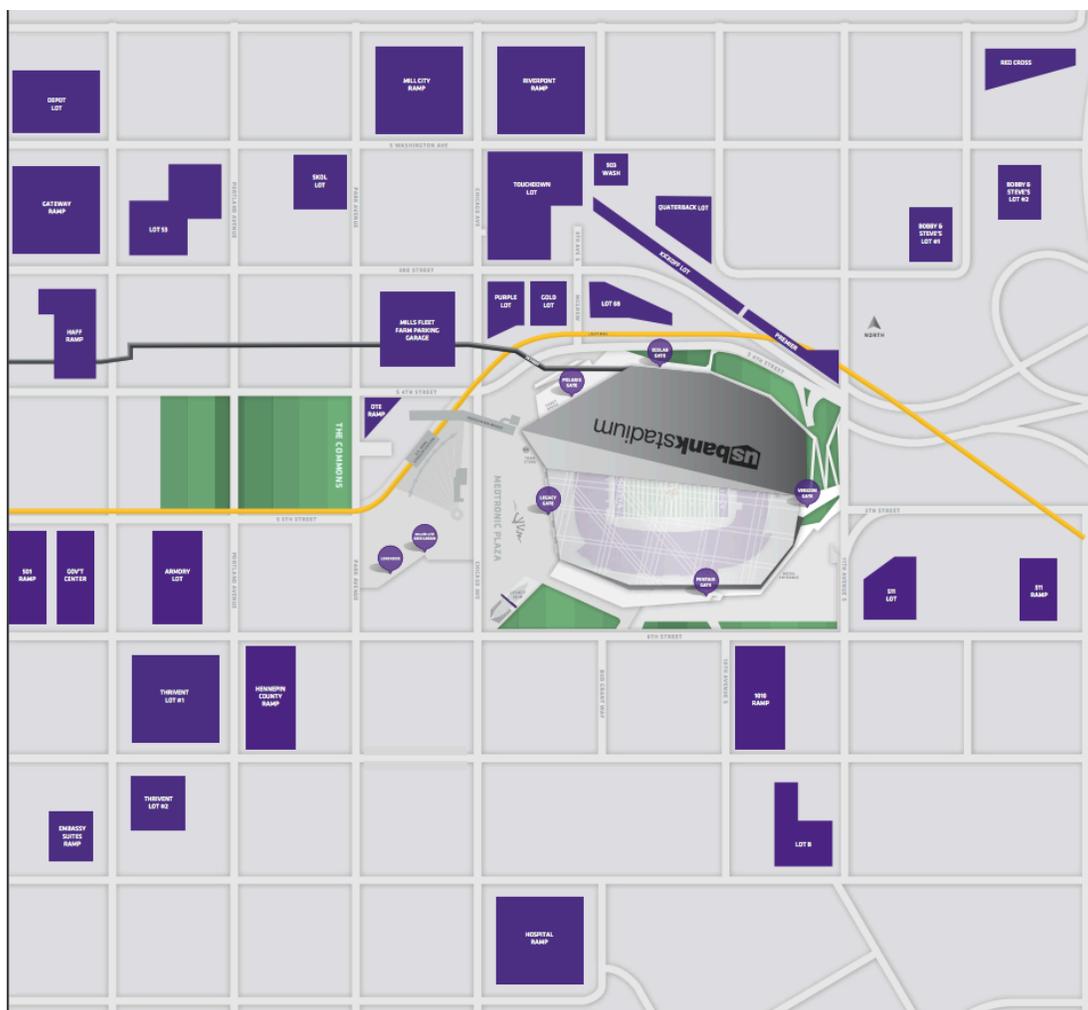
Tickets – are not required for admission to the ceremony, and there are no limits on the number of guests graduates may invite to attend.

Transportation - due to heavy traffic and parking difficulties, all students participating in commencement will be bussed to and from U.S Bank Stadium. Students must arrive at Park Center Senior High at 11:00 a.m. to board buses at Door L.

Buses will depart for Park Center Senior High immediately following the conclusion of the ceremony, so pictures outside U.S Bank Stadium before or after the ceremony will not be possible.

U.S Bank stadium

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Questions – See below:

Information	Contact	Phone/Website/Email
Commencement Information	Karen Waldman	763-569-7619 / WaldmanK@District279.org
Streaming of Commencement	CCX Media	763-533-8196 / www.ccxmedia.org
Fines/Fees	Matt Newell	763-569-7629 / newellm@district279.org