

Class of 2020 - End of the Year Frequently Asked Questions

Q: When can I pick up my yearbook?

A: **(update)** Yearbooks can be picked up on August 25-August 27 between 3:00 and 7:00 pm at MHS. For other yearbook related questions, please contact Ms. Beyer (kbeyer@msd.k12.or.us).

Q: When will I lose access to my school Google account?

A: **(update)** Seniors will lose access to their school Google account by the end of September 2020. Make sure you transfer any emails, Docs, Sheets, Slides, etc. to your personal account before the end of September.

Q: Will I get my actual diploma?

A: YES! The current plan is to hand out diplomas on Monday, June 8 from 1-4 pm. Remember, your student account must be paid off or you will not receive your diploma. Contact Mrs. Brandt (tbrandt@msd.k12.or.us) if you have any questions about any fines/fees that you owe. You should also have your final post-secondary survey completed.

Q: I missed the day to pick up my diploma. When can I pick it up?

A: Seniors will have the opportunity to pick up their diploma on June 16th or June 17th from 3-6 pm. Remember that all fines/fees must be paid in order to receive your diploma. You should also return all MHS property including Chromebooks, textbooks, library books, etc. and you should also have completed the final post-secondary survey. If you have missed all of the pickup days, contact Ms. Roberts (rroberts@msd.k12.or.us) before June 30 to make arrangements. Diplomas will not be mailed home.

Q: What is Senior Celebration Day?

A: [Senior Celebration Day](#) will take place on Friday, May 29th from 1-4 pm. Seniors will get directions for the graduation parade, extra cap to toss, yard sign and other goodies.

Q: I missed the Senior Celebration Day. When can I pick up my items?

A: If you missed the Senior Celebration Day on May 29th, you will have another opportunity to pick up your items on Tuesday, June 2nd from 1-4 pm.

Q: What will graduation look like?

A: **(update)** Seniors will be assigned to a location to participate in a graduation parade based on their current address. Graduation will take place on June 5 and will start at 4 locations at 7:00 pm. People will be able to tune into KLYC, Facebook Live and MCM to listen/watch the graduation. At about 7:45 pm the parades will start around the 6 elementary school neighborhoods while names will be read and pictures will be shown. Staff, families and community members will line the streets to watch and celebrate our class of 2020! You can look at the parade routes here: [Buel](#), [Columbus](#), [Grandhaven](#), [Memorial](#), [Newby](#) and [Wascher](#). Seniors will get their parade directions when they receive their personalized yard signs and other goodies on May 29th, from 1 pm to 4 pm at MHS. You can view the end of the year timeline and parade guidelines [here](#).

Q: I have items to return to MHS (Chromebook, library books, class materials, fines/fees to pay, etc.).

When can I return those items or pay off my student account?

A: You will have the opportunity to drop off any MHS items and pay fines/fees on Tuesday, June 2nd, Wednesday, June 3rd and Thursday, June 4th between 1 and 4 pm. Remember, you won't receive your diploma unless all items are returned and fines/fees on your student account are paid.

Q: When can I pick up my cap and gown?

A: Both official pick up days have concluded.

If you have ordered your cap and gown...

- **prior to May 6**, your items are not at the high school and will be shipped to your home.
- **by deadline and missed the pick up days**, you/your family will have been called by an MHS staff member for information on how to proceed.
- **but still had a balance on your Jostens account**, your items have been taken back to the Jostens office.

Q: What do I do if I had a balance and my Jostens items were taken back to their office?

A: First you will need to pay your remaining balance. This can be done online on the [Jostens website](#). Then, you may choose to have your items shipped directly to your home (anticipate \$10 shipping fee) or you can arrange transportation to the Jostens office (Hillsboro/Portland area) to pick up your items. If you have questions, reach out to Dan Peters, our Jostens rep, by calling 800-JOSTENS (567-8367).

Q: What do I do if I have not ordered my cap and gown yet?

A: Yes, you can still get a cap and gown! We kept a limited number of sets (cap/gown/tassel) behind for students who are in need. There are a small number of each height/gown size, so if we run out of your size OR if you want to order more than that set, you will need to order through Jostens directly ([website](#) or phone). To put a hold on a graduation set (cap/gown/tassel) because you have not ordered one yet, or if you have questions, please contact Ms. Sayles (ssayles@msd.k12.or.us).

Q: If I order a cap and gown now, when will it get to me?

A: Anticipate a 2-3 week shipping time from the day you order your items from Jostens to be shipped to your home. You can cut down on this time by driving to the Jostens office, where they can provide you items on site vs. waiting for them to be shipped.

Q: What if I didn't get the "Academic" (Honors (gold), Pathway (white), College Credit Now/Dual Credit (gray)) cords I thought I was getting?

A: -If you feel that you qualify for an Honors gold cord (3.5+ GPA; 7 credits AP/Honors level courses), contact your counselor.

-If you feel that you qualify for a Pathway white cord (meeting Career Pathway requirements for their specific Career Pathway), contact your Pathway Leader.

-If you feel that you qualify for a College Credit Now/Dual Credit gray cord (Class of 2020, 18+ CC/DC credits), contact Lacey Lee.

Q: When will I get my other cords? Like for pathways, clubs, that sort of thing?

A: On May 29th from 1-4 pm. Seniors will get their yard sign and remaining regalia, as well as a few other gifts!

Q: How can I order pictures from the graduation photo sessions?

A: We partnered with [Northwest Sports Photography](#) to get seniors pictures taken. You will receive one 5x7 copy during diploma pick-up on June 8. You are able to order more copies. Check out the [flyer](#) for instructions on how to do this.

Q: I have another question not listed. Who do I contact?

A: - If it is regarding cap and gowns, please contact Ms. Sayles (ssayles@msd.k12.or.us)
- If it is regarding graduation pictures, please contact Mrs. Toliver (stoliver@msd.k12.or.us)
- If it is regarding your graduation requirements, please contact your counselor (schedule a “meeting” with them [here](#)).
- If it is not regarding the things above, please contact Ms. Johnson (ljohnson@msd.k12.or.us) and she will get you the correct contact.

Post-Secondary Specific Questions

Q: What is the final post-secondary survey?

A: High Schools are responsible for tracking information for their graduates. We ask that all graduates complete the final survey before picking up their diploma in June. The survey helps us gather information on what students will be doing after high school. We will also use it to help students with a plan if they request that help. Seniors can find the survey in the Class of 2020 and Virtual Advisory Google Classrooms; it was also emailed to the senior class on May 13.

Q: How do I order a final official transcript for college?

A: Once you have made your decision on attending a college you will need to submit a final transcript. Community colleges typically do not require a final transcript; please only request one if you are required to by the community college. Four year colleges/universities will require a final transcript. Please use the [Transcript Request Form](#) to request that your final transcript be sent to your college. Please note that final transcripts will not be ready until this summer. Mrs. Roberts will send your transcript once it is ready.

Q: How do I transfer my college credits from high school to the college that I am attending in the fall?

A: Most of our college credits are through Chemeketa. You will need to log into your [My Chemeketa](#) account to request that your transcript be sent to your college. Once you are logged in you will see a menu on the right. Click on Grades & Transcripts, then Official Transcript and follow the prompts. You will need a debit/credit card. Click on the links to request transcripts for our other college partners: [Clackamas CC](#), [Linn Benton CC](#), [Mt. Hood CC](#), [Portland CC](#), and [Oregon Tech](#). *Please note: we do not have login or student ID information for any of the other college partners. You can work with the teacher that offers those courses to see if they have any information for you or you may have to contact the tech department at the college.*

Q: I have applied to multiple colleges and have made a decision on the one I want to attend. How do I notify the other colleges to let them know I am declining their acceptance?

A: Some colleges have a specific process. You can look at their website to see if they have a form to complete (don't spend too much time trying to find it). If you can't find anything, then you should email the Admission Counselor to let them know of your decision. Below is a sample email that you can use/edit.

Sample email to decline admission offer:

Dear _____,

I would like to thank you for the admission and financial aid offer. After serious consideration, I have decided to attend another college for fall 2020. Thank you for all of your help and guidance in the admission process.

I wish you the best,

Your name

Q: My financial situation has changed from when I completed the FAFSA/ORSAA. Can I submit an appeal to have the financial aid office review my new situation?

A: Yes! Students are encouraged to contact the financial aid office at their college to let them know their financial situation has changed. You can use [SwiftStudent](#) to help you write a financial aid appeal letter for free that you can then email or mail to the financial aid office.

Q: Can I get help with a post-secondary plan?

A: YES! Please contact Mrs. Lipke (elipke@msd.k12.or.us, call/text 971.220.6285) or Mrs. Sandoval (msandoval@msd.k12.or.us, call/text 971.220.5734). They can help you with a plan including applying to colleges, completing the FAFSA/ORSAA, applying for jobs, updating your resume, etc.

Q: Can I still have a college admission poster created?

A: Yes, we have been looking at the [Instagram account](#) and final post-secondary survey notes to get information from our seniors for college admission. If you want to verify that you have a poster created please contact Mrs. Elena (ehenrickson@msd.k12.or.us). If your information is not on the Instagram account, please contact Mrs. Elena and she will create a poster for you.

Q: I have other post-secondary questions such as...Can I still apply to colleges? Can I still do my FAFSA/ORSAA? Is Oregon Promise still taking applications? Who do I contact?

A: You can take a look at our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) that are post-secondary specific. If you need additional help please contact Mrs. Lipke (elipke@msd.k12.or.us, call/text 971.220.6285) or Mrs. Sandoval (msandoval@msd.k12.or.us, call/text 971.220.5734).