

Dear GHS Parent/Guardian,

The time has come for our Glendale seniors to walk across the stage to celebrate their hard work. As your seniors' high school journey slowly comes to an end and your future begins to take shape, we are thankful that we have had the opportunity and your trust to guide and develop their vision beyond Glendale High School.

With less than a quarter left in their senior year, it is also a time that can become confusing, stressful, and exciting. Our goal is to provide proper planning and communication to the families of GHS to ensure we alleviate any anxieties within this exciting time for your student and family. It is important to get key events on your calendar. You will find a list of important events and dates for seniors. The information will also be on the Glendale website.

Our graduation ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. at the Great Southern Bank Arena. Students should arrive no later 10:30 a.m. and enter Hammons Student Center through the southeast corner (the walkway between Hammons and Great Southern Arena). Once checked in, students will not be allowed to leave until the conclusion of the ceremony. Parking is available in various lots at Missouri State. Spectators may enter Great Southern Bank Arena through the southwest, northwest, or southeast doors. At the conclusion of the ceremony, students will be escorted out of the arena and will receive their diploma. Parents and guardians may meet their student on the northeast exterior corner of Great Southern Bank Arena.

While graduation is certainly a time for celebration, the ceremony itself should remain dignified. Glendale has a long tradition of excellent attendance, honor, and respect for the graduation ceremony and families. We respectfully request that our students wear slacks, dress shirt, tie, dress shoes and socks OR a dress and dress shoes. Students are not to wear athletic shoes or jeans. No other accessories can be added to the Glendale cap and gown. Purses, cameras, and cell phones should not be brought. Students not in compliance may not be allowed to walk in the ceremony. Please note that a photographer will be present to take pictures of all students as they receive their diploma cover.

The Springfield Public School District requires that students meet all graduation requirements in order to participate in graduation. An alternate graduation ceremony will be conducted at the end of summer school students who complete the graduation requirements during the semester.

Thank you to the senior class for being great leaders and role models at Glendale. Your passion, respect, integrity, discipline, and excellence has made Glendale High a great school. On behalf of the Glendale staff, I want to thank everyone that has been involved with the development, support, and encouragement provided to each of the Glendale seniors.

Thank you,

Dr. Josh Groves
Glendale High School Principal

Important Dates for Glendale High School Seniors “Class of 2024”

May 15-16, 2024	Wednesday and Thursday	Senior Finals
May 17, 2024	Friday	Senior Sunrise – GHS Football Field, 7:30 am – 8:10 am. Senior Assembly – GHS Main Gym, 8:30 am – 10:00 am. Memories Assembly – GHS Auditorium, 10:00 am – 10:30 am. Commencement Practice – GHS Main Gym, 10:45 am – 12:00 pm. <u>(MANDATORY)</u>
May 18, 2024	Saturday	Graduation – 11:30 am in Great Southern Bank Arena on the MSU Campus. Seniors must report to the East entrance of Hammons Student Center by 10:30 am. Following commencement exercises, seniors should report to the assigned area to receive their diploma packet. Diplomas will <u>NOT</u> be mailed and must be picked up by the student.
May 18, 2024	Saturday	Senior Send-Off – Glendale High School, 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm. Students should enter in the Athletic entrance, door #5.