Graduation Ceremony Participation Requirements:
Seniors must be cleared by their counselor to attend rehearsal through verification of all requirements, starting June 5. Seniors then receive their 4 complimentary tickets. Everyone must attend the rehearsal to attend the ceremony.

Seniors must arrive at Issaquah High for bus transportation to Key Arena at 11:00AM. Do not be late, buses leave promptly. Riding bus is required.

Come in appropriate school clothing under graduation gown. It is recommended to wear dress shoes, slacks, dresses, etc. Consider weather and eat before arrival. No decorations, additions or alterations are allowed on graduation attire. Do not bring any personal items, purses or bags. These are not allowed on bus.

Parents: Plan for traffic and parking around Key Arena. Entry gates on both sides of arena open at 12:15PM. Seating is not assigned, arrive early, tickets are required.

Signs, balloons and other distracting objects are not permitted. Purses and bags are subject to search. Loud noises can obstruct another senior’s moment.

You must provide transportation for your student after the ceremony. Students exit the ceremony together in a recessional and will meet parents outside the exits on the Fountain-side of the arena.

Your prompt exit at the conclusion is necessary for cleanup prior to the next graduation ceremony.

Additional information, forms and a senior calendar can be viewed at: http://connect.issaquah.wednet.edu/high/ihs/students/activities/p/ihsSeniors.aspx

Cleared to Graduate or on hold?

1. Grades of D+ or below in required classes at 3rd qtr or 4th qtr deficiency, will require your teacher to verify a final passing grade prior to graduation. Contact teachers directly to ask about grades.

2. Exceeding the attendance limit (10 days) in a required class will exclude a student from graduation unless they have a successful attendance appeal hearing. Schedule hearings promptly. Contact attendance office with questions.

3. All local and state requirements (credits, state assessments, culminating project) must be verified to have been met.

4. All fines (books, uniforms, parking, lunch, library) and detentions must be cleared. Bookkeeper is not open during class time. Clear lunch or library fines with lunch/library staff, parking: Neil Lasher, detention: Tim Baynes.

5. Senior Post High School Plan form and survey are required for everyone.

6. Running Start students taking required courses will receive a Verification Form in the mail (6/1), this form must be signed by your professor and returned to your counselor June 5-10, due no later than noon June 10, to attend rehearsal/ceremony. Diplomas are held until final quarter grades are verified.
**Senior Event and Requirement Details**

**“Post HS Plan” Form** is required and due May 8. We must know where to send your final transcript, particularly if attending college. Also, this form allows us to recognize students who have earned scholarships in our graduation program (Important note: We cannot include your award if your form is late). You can find the form online at: [http://connect.issaquah.wednet.edu/high/ihs/students/activities/p/ihs_seniors.aspx](http://connect.issaquah.wednet.edu/high/ihs/students/activities/p/ihs_seniors.aspx)

**Senior Recognition** is May 21 at 8AM in the IHS Theater & Commons. This event is by invitation for recognized seniors (and their families) who have achieved National, State and Issaquah High School awards in the categories of: AP scholar, National Merit, WA State Principal’s Scholar Award, Issaquah High Dept. Outstanding Achievement Awards.

A Fine List will be posted @ the ASB bookkeeper office, Lunch fines @ commons, Parking tickets @ school security office, Detention list @ main office. You should check these lists more than once and resolve any issues by May 30 to avoid potential delays in clearance to graduate and again prior to receipt of your diploma & final transcript.

**Graduation Tickets** are given to students when verified to complete all graduation requirements (see page 1), otherwise tickets are held until verification is received. Students receive 4 complimentary tickets from their counselor, June 5-12. Unlimited tickets may be purchased for $8 each online (6/1-11 for pick-up at school by 6/12), directly with ASB bookkeeper (6/2-12) or purchased at the Key Arena box office 6/13 @ noon, fountain side of arena. Tickets are non-refundable/non-replaceable.

**Cap and Gown** pickup is May 27, at 2:15, IHS Main Office. Cap and gown are required to participate in the ceremony. If you have not yet ordered there may still be time: [https://highschool.herffjones.com/secom/school/wa/Issaquah%20High%20School/46039980000/0819/buildpackage/1](https://highschool.herffjones.com/secom/school/wa/Issaquah%20High%20School/46039980000/0819/buildpackage/1)

**Senior Final Exams** are 50 minutes long: June 6 for periods 5-6, June 9 for periods 3-4 and June 10 for periods 1-2. *After each final exam you do not return to that class.*

**Baccalaureate** is June 11 at 7pm at Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic Church (In Sammamish). This is an annual inspirational celebration for all seniors and their families. It is a non-religious intimate event including speakers and performances by senior graduates. Seniors arrive in their graduation gowns no later than 30 minutes prior and enter the program together. Refreshments follow program. *Auditions:* May 14 and May 16 in Room 1413.

**Graduation Rehearsal June 11, 8:50AM is mandatory to participate in the graduation ceremony.** Directly prior to rehearsal is the **Senior Breakfast at 8:00AM in the Commons.** A great social event every senior should plan to attend. *Contributions for food are gladly accepted and needed (contact info below).*

**Graduation Ceremony at 1PM at Key Arena.** Gates open at 12:15PM. Tickets may be purchased at the door. *Guests with special needs* should arrive early and discuss needs with arena staff at the entrance. Seniors will receive a diploma cover at graduation and return to IHS counseling office June 23-25 to receive their actual diploma. (Running Start see #6 on page 1)

**Senior Celebration** is the night of Graduation and is a great way to celebrate the culmination of your high school experience. Purchase tickets in advance, space is limited. Bus sign-ups in our Commons Wednesday, May 28 from 8:45-9:45. Students arrive at IHS on 6/13 at 9:30pm, depart together on buses and return to school at 5:30AM the next morning. *Students must be given a ride home by parents.* Donations of prizes, gift cards, fun items for dorm rooms, etc, are gladly accepted. (contact info below) Tickets: [http://issaquahhighptsa.ourschoolpages.com/Page/SeniorEvents/SeniorCelebration](http://issaquahhighptsa.ourschoolpages.com/Page/SeniorEvents/SeniorCelebration)

**Contact Info & websites:**

Counseling office 837-6140 / Main Office 837-6010 / Attendance Office 837-6012 / ASB Bookkeeper 837-6014

*Information on Baccalaureate, SR Breakfast, SR Celebration:*

[http://issaquahhighptsa.org/Page/SeniorEvents/SeniorMain](http://issaquahhighptsa.org/Page/SeniorEvents/SeniorMain)

Senior Post HS Plan Form & Survey, senior event calendar, other details online @: [http://connect.issaquah.wednet.edu/high/ihs/students/activities/p/ihs_seniors.aspx](http://connect.issaquah.wednet.edu/high/ihs/students/activities/p/ihs_seniors.aspx)
You may enter arena on either the East or West sides, note that only the West side has day-of ticket sales. Entry begins at 12:15. Ceremony starts at 1PM.

Grades will exit to the Fountain side as a group after the ceremony and for crowd purposes (due to parents waiting for the next ceremony) our Graduates will be ushered away from the stairs and toward the fountain. Determine in advance where you will meet them near the fountain. Your prompt exit from the arena at the conclusion of our ceremony is necessary to prepare for the next graduation event, but Seattle Center offers many opportunities for photos and celebration options.

**Driving from I-5:** Take Mercer Street exit and go straight following signage to Seattle Center/KeyArena. You will be diverted on to Broad Street. Take right on Denny then right on 1st Avenue.

PLEASE NOTE: this roadway is under construction. Please visit SDOT for the most up-to-date information on the project. Routes are subject to change during construction. **Mercer Corridor Project:** 24-hour construction hotline at 206-419-5818.

**Parking Lots/ Garages:**
- Mercer Garage: Third Avenue N. & Roy Street
- 1st Avenue North Garage: between John and Thomas Street
- 5th Ave N Garage: Fifth Avenue N. & Republican Street