

2021 MHS Graduation Information

Commencement Ceremony

On **Friday, June 18th**, the Commencement Ceremony for the Class of 2021 will begin promptly at 6:00 P.M. The ceremony will take place in Cougar Stadium. Graduates will assemble in the Main Gymnasium at 5:15 P.M. Participation in the graduation ceremony is voluntary. As such, any student may choose not to participate in the commencement exercise. Should you choose not to participate in commencement exercises please contact Ms. Matthews in the main office as soon as possible (lmattews@mtsd.us).

In case of inclement weather, the Commencement Ceremony will take place on Saturday, June 19th at 9 A.M. or 6 P.M., depending on the weather conditions.

Code of Conduct

- Members of the Class of 2021 must be in their assigned seats on time for all graduation rehearsals. Failure to attend or an unexcused lateness to the rehearsal sessions may jeopardize a student's privilege to participate in the Commencement Ceremony.
- All members of the Class of 2021 are asked for full cooperation during rehearsals. The sooner you get it correct, the sooner you will be dismissed.
- Please do not bring beach balls, silly string, air horns, water guns, or any other "items of distraction" to rehearsal or to the Commencement Ceremony. The Marshals will be checking students prior to the ceremony to ensure that these items are not present.
- Cell phones must remain in the "**OFF**" position during graduation rehearsal and the Commencement Ceremony.
- Cameras and yearbooks are not permitted during either the graduation rehearsal or the Commencement Ceremony.

Dress Code

All students must be dressed in appropriate attire for graduation. Appropriate attire includes:

- Dresses, skirts, dress pants with a blouse under their gown.
- Dress pants, dress shoes, and a dress shirt with a tie.
- Jeans and shorts are not permitted.
- Flip-flops and sneakers are not permitted.
- If you have a question about your graduation attire, please speak with Mrs. Pino in advance of the graduation ceremony.

Note: Students in violation of the Code of Conduct or who do not comply with the Dress Code as stated above may jeopardize their privilege to participate in the Commencement Ceremony and may be removed from the ceremony. Remember, participating in graduation is a privilege, not a right.

Diplomas

- **All fines and obligations must be paid prior to Wednesday, June 9th**, for students to receive their diplomas. Unpaid fines and obligations will delay the delivery of diplomas.
- Diplomas will be distributed immediately following the Commencement Ceremony under the Science Eave.

Distribution of Caps and Gowns

- Caps and gowns will be distributed on **Wednesday, June 16th** and **Thursday, June 17th**. Distribution will take place starting at 10:40 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. both days. Caps and gowns can be picked up from under the Science Eave.

Pictures

- Montgomery graduates and parents will be able to purchase professional graduation pictures through Milan Rose. Graduation pictures will be of the individual student receiving their diploma and will be available for purchase.
- Order envelopes will be sent electronically, a hard copy will be available in the main office, and a downloadable form will be available on the MHS website. Payment must be received prior to the Commencement Ceremony.
- Completed order forms with payment should be submitted to the Main Office prior to the Commencement Ceremony.

Commencement Ceremony Estimated Run-Time

The graduation ceremony normally runs approximately 2.5 hours.

Special Seating and Parking

Families who are in need of Special Seating and/or Handicapped Parking are asked to contact Mrs. Lori Matthews at lmattews@mtsd.us. **Please contact Mrs. Matthews by Monday, June 14th with your request.** We will do our best to accommodate every request. As a reminder, handicapped seating will require one of your tickets upon entry.

Tickets

- Distribution of tickets will occur on **Wednesday, June 16th and Thursday, June 17th**. Distribution will take place starting at 10:40 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. both days. Tickets will be given out under the Science Eave.
- The Commencement Ceremony will be held in Cougar Stadium.
- Each graduate will receive a total of **four (4) tickets** for Cougar Stadium.
- We will be live-streaming our commencement ceremony. Live-stream will be available to access from the [MHS main website](#) beginning at 5 pm.

Schedule of Events Friday, June 18, 2021

8:00 A.M. – The Class of 2021 will check-in under the Science Eave and be directed to the Main Gymnasium for graduation rehearsal.

8:25 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. – Outdoor Graduation Rehearsal.

- Dismissal is dependent upon the cooperation of the class and successful completion of rehearsal in preparation for the Commencement Ceremony.
- **Students must attend the entire rehearsal session in order to participate in the Commencement Ceremony. Students who miss rehearsal or leave prior to the conclusion of rehearsal will not be eligible to participate in the Commencement Ceremony. Please do not schedule appointments prior to 1:00 PM on Friday, June 18th.**

5:15 P.M. – Members of the Class of 2021 participating in the Commencement Ceremony report to the Main Gymnasium. Masks must be worn while inside the building.

6:00 P.M. – Commencement Ceremony