

Perry High School

2017 Senior Graduation Information

This information is provided to both parents and students to help answer any questions that might arise concerning graduation. In this packet you will find information about end-of-year activities such as final exams, debts, senior checkout, graduation practices and the ceremony. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Greene at 480-224-2833.

Final Exams

Seniors are to attend all classes and take exams as indicated. There will be no exams given early. Please make arrangements to attend all classes as scheduled. Following is a schedule for senior final exams. Students must arrive on time; students who arrive tardy will not be able to take the test without approval from Mr. Greene. Students must complete their required 22 credits in order to participate in the graduation ceremony.

	<u>Thursday, May 25</u>			<u>Friday, May 26</u>	
0 hour	6:30 – 7:20		0 hour	6:30 – 7:20	
Period 1	7:25 – 9:17		Period 2	7:25 – 9:17	
Conference	9:17 – 9:45		Conference	9:17 – 9:45	
Period 3			Period 4		
A Lunch	9:50 – 10:21	Lunch	A Lunch	9:50 – 10:21	Lunch
	10:26 – 12:18	Class		10:26 – 12:18	Class
B Lunch	9:50 – 10:46	Class	B Lunch	9:50 – 10:46	Class
	10:46 – 11:17	Lunch		10:46 – 11:17	Lunch
	11:22 – 12:18	Class		11:22 – 12:18	Class
C Lunch	9:50 – 11:42	Class	C Lunch	9:50 – 11:42	Class
	11:47 – 12:18	Lunch		11:47 – 12:18	Lunch
Period 5	12:23 – 2:14		Period 6	12:23 – 2:14	

Correspondence and Transfer Grade/Credits

Any seniors who are taking courses off-campus such as through correspondence, evening school or Saturday school, must have their transcripts submitted to the Registrar, Julie Logue, by **Monday, May 15** at 3:30 p.m. to be able to participate in graduation ceremonies.

Senior Checkout Day

All seniors must be cleared by the bookstore by the end of the school day on **May 26**. Failure to settle all debts will result in the student's diploma being held until such debts are satisfied. Locker clean up is expected to be completed on that day as well.

Marching List

The names of seniors planning to participate in the Graduation Ceremony must be on the marching list. We assume that all graduating seniors will participate in the commencement ceremony. Seniors not planning to participate in the Graduation Ceremony should contact Mr. Greene to ensure that their name is not included on the marching list.

Graduation Meeting & Practice

Seniors planning to participate in the Graduation Ceremony **MUST** attend the meeting and practice. Failure to do so could result in the student's exclusion from the Commencement program.

MEETING: Tuesday, May 30, 7:30 a.m.

Seniors are to meet in the main gymnasium. Room assignments will be posted in the hallway. The purpose of this meeting is to cover graduation night procedures, receive seating assignments, notify students of any outstanding debts, and to ensure proper spelling, pronunciation and inclusion and/or omission of names.

THIS MEETING IS MANDATORY/PLAN TO BE ON TIME

PRACTICE: Wednesday, May 31, 6:00 a.m.

Seniors are expected to report to their assigned rooms no later than **6:00 a.m.** Girls will be in the F building and the boys will be in the C building. Lists will be posted outside each door so graduates will know their assigned room. The purpose of this practice is to cover the procedure to be used during the Graduation Ceremony (marching, standing, sitting, etc.) A Senior breakfast will be served in the cafeteria after the graduation practice. Students only please.

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Graduation Night (Wednesday, May 31, 7:30 p.m.) John Wrenn Stadium

- A. It is imperative that all seniors report to their assigned room on time. Check-in time will be at **6:00 p.m.** Do not arrive late. It could result in your being excluded from walking with your class. No parents or visitors are allowed in the building.
- B. Bring (do not wear) your cap, gown, and tassel. There will be absolutely no decorating caps, gowns, or any other items. No corsages or flowers may be carried, pinned, or worn. Parents – give them to the graduates after the ceremony.
- C. Do not bring personal items (cameras, purses, sunglasses, cell phones, etc.) these cannot be taken into the ceremony.

Behavior Expectations and Standards

The tone of the Graduation Ceremony is orderly and dignified. Any prospective graduate attracting negative attention and/or disrupting the proceedings will be escorted from the field immediately. His/her diploma will not be awarded and requests for transcripts will not be honored until a parent/student conference is held with the principal.

Male students are expected to wear the following clothing:

1. Dress shoes and socks (no tennis shoes or flip-flops).
2. Dress slacks (no denim jeans or shorts).
3. Dress shirt with a collar (ties are strongly recommended).

Female students are expected to wear the following clothing:

1. Dress shoes (no tennis shoes or flip-flops). Avoid spiked heels as they may dig into the ground when you walk.
2. Dresses, skirts and blouses, or dress pants and blouses (no denim jeans or shorts).

Do not arrive to practice or graduation under the influence of alcohol or any other drugs. Influence is defined as being indicated by obvious odor and/or irrational behavior, or physical impairment related to the use of drugs. Do not have alcohol or any other drugs in your possession. Being on campus under the influence or in possession of alcohol or any other drugs are in violation of Chandler Unified School District/Perry High School policy. Any student under the influence or in possession will be removed from the campus and excluded from the proceedings. Your diploma will be held and transcript requests will not be honored until satisfactory consequences are met.

Do not arrive with any devices such as air horns, fireworks, squirt guns, apparel, or any objects that could be used to disrupt the ceremony.

Please bring a healthy dose of patience. A high school graduation is composed of many organizational challenges that require ample time and absolute cooperation. Please work in a positive manner with administrators and supervising staff members.

Ceremony Procedures

- A. **Picture Taking**--Professional photographers will be taking pictures of each student at three separate times: as they stand in line, as they are handed their diploma folder, and as they walk off stage. Days later, you will receive a proof in the mail with an order form should you choose to purchase the photos. Presenters will remain on stage after the ceremony to allow for photo opportunities. You may also use the link on the school's website under the Information tab.
- B. **Processional-Pomp and Circumstance**
 1. The processional must be in alphabetical order to ensure that each person will sit in the correct seat.
 2. Students will march from the classroom, stop near the North end zone, and wait for instructions to begin the processional.
 3. Teachers will be at the front of the line and begin to walk into the seating area.
 4. Seniors will walk in male/female side-by-side in alphabetical order.
 5. Seniors will proceed into the seating area and remain standing until Mr. Serrano asks the senior class of 2017 to be seated.
- C. **National Anthem- Presentation of Colors PHS JROTC Color Guard**
- D. **Principal's message and Introductions** (Mr. Serrano will instruct the senior class to be seated before speech and introductions.)

E. Commencement Address, Musical Selections and Yearbook Presentation (During the speeches and musical selections it is expected that everyone will sit quietly and show respect to their fellow classmates.)

F. Presentation of the Class of 2017

1. Mr. Serrano will formally present the Class of 2017 to the representatives of the Governing Board.
2. Seniors will remain seated until each row is signaled to stand.

H. Awarding of Diploma Folders

1. Each row will stand as directed.
2. The rows will proceed to the platform where the diploma folder will be given.
3. The name of each senior will be read individually and the diploma folder will be presented by a member or representative of the Governing Board.
4. After the diploma folder is received, the graduate will change the tassel from the right side to the left side and return to his/her seat.
5. The students will remain standing until their entire row has returned and then be seated together.

I. Closing Remarks

J. Recessional

1. Seniors will stand.
2. The recessional march will be the same order as the processional.
3. Seniors will proceed to the area behind the chairs to form the "P".
4. Once the PHS fight song begins, graduates may toss their caps in the air.

Diplomas – Will be given to the students, in their row, during the ceremony. Once students have walked across the stage, and have sat down in their row, the teacher leader will distribute the diplomas. Once students have received their diploma, they will need to put their diploma in the diploma cover that they received as they walked across the stage.