

GRADUATION: Frequently Asked Questions

What is the location of graduation?

[North Charleston Performing Arts Center](#)

5001 Coliseum Drive

North Charleston, SC 29418

What time does graduation begin? What time should I be there?

The graduation ceremony begins at 3:00pm on Friday, June 7th. Graduates, teachers, and participants should arrive NO LATER THAN 2:00pm to the ceremony. Be mindful of the fact that Military Magnet will need time to clear the building after their graduation at 11:30. Doors will open at 2:00pm for guests.

What are the parking arrangements?

1. Parking is **free** for graduation.
2. For a parking map please click here: [MAP](#)
(<https://www.northcharlestoncoliseum.com/assets/doc/NCC-Campus-Parking-Guide-2021-d169bd5356.pdf>)
3. If you wish to park in the lots near the PAC, please enter from Montague Ave.
4. CCSD has allotted the following parking lots for graduation: Lot A - 678, B - 173, Lot C - 318, Lot E - 713, and the Parking Garage - 2000
5. ADA Parking: Accessible parking spaces are available in the parking lots surrounding the North Charleston Coliseum, Performing Arts Center, Montague Terrace, and the Charleston Area Convention Center. Vehicles that park in the designated accessible parking spaces must either display a temporary hang tag or have a permanent state license plate with the accessible parking notations. All parking in the accessible parking lots is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Is there a clear bag policy for the PAC?

Yes, please see the PAC [policy](#).

Where should graduates and guests enter the building?

Graduates need to enter the PAC from the back entrance near the loading dock. Guests should enter from the front of the building.

Do guests need a ticket to attend the ceremony?

Guests will not need tickets to attend graduation. We should have ample seating for all guests at the PAC (seating capacity of 2300). Academic Magnet High School currently will not be limiting the number of guests allotted to each graduate.

Will seating inside the PAC be assigned for guests?

Graduates and teachers will be seated in the front of the auditorium. Guests will be seated on a first come first serve basis. Seating for individuals with disabilities or injuries is available at the PAC. If someone in your party needs accommodations, please arrive early.

When is practice? Is practice required?

Our Graduation Practice is **MANDATORY** for all AMHS graduates. Practice will be in the Academic Magnet Gymnasium from 8:30am-11:30am on Thursday, June 6. Students who do not attend practice will not be permitted to walk at graduation.

When are community service hours due?

All seniors should turn in their hours no later than May 1. Please fill out this [NEW Google Form](#) for any hours you still need to submit. Remember, there are 70 required hours for AMHS and 100+ for the community service honor cord.

What should graduates wear to graduation?

Please keep in mind the June heat when selecting your perfect outfit. Generally, think business casual. A nice pair of slacks/skirt with a shirt or blouse or a light weight dress would all be appropriate. Think about your comfort when selecting shoes. Avoid shoes that could cause a tripping hazard.

Graduation may wear honor cords earned and distributed by Academic Magnet High School. If you have received or purchased an honor cord from an outside source, please see Dr. Lupo (7104) or contact her via email andrea_lupo@charleston.k12.sc.us to have your honor code approved.

What should graduates bring to graduation?

Leave personal items with a family member. Graduates should not bring anything but their graduation apparel to graduation. Graduates may not leave items backstage during graduation.

When is the appropriate time to celebrate the graduates?

Academic Magnet High School respectfully requests that families and graduates refrain from celebrating the graduates until all names have been called. Commencement is both a joyous and solemn event. Please celebrate in a manner that will not prevent others from hearing the speaker and enjoying the ceremony. The use of air horns, yelling, or stomping are disruptive.

Will there be a professional photographer at the event?

GradImages will be at graduation to take a professional photograph of each graduate receiving a diploma. Click here for pricing information: [GRADIMAGES](#)
Please refrain from taking pictures in the aisle and walkways during the ceremony. This will allow the ceremony to continue without distractions and disturbances and other audience members will be able to see and hear.

When will graduates receive their honor cords, etc.?

Graduates will receive a bag with all of their honor cord after graduation practice on June 6th.

How long will the ceremony be?

Commencement will begin promptly at 3 pm and should conclude by 4:30. During the ceremony, cell phones should be turned off or switched to silent mode. Do not speak on the phone or converse with other guests during the ceremony as this could prevent other guests from hearing and enjoying the ceremony.

Out of respect for all students, families and guests, please plan to attend the entire commencement ceremony remaining seated in the PAC until the conclusion.

How do I order a lawn sign for my graduate?

Click here to see [pricing and information](#) published in the Raptor Report by PIE.

What other senior events should I keep in mind?

April 25: Cap & Gown Distribution during Study Hall (Includes all items purchased from Jostens)

April 24: Cap & gown make-up pictures by Tumbleston in the gym lobby from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm (Tumbleston will supply caps & gowns.)

May 3: Decision Day 12 pm - 1:30 pm

May 10: AMHS Spirit Night at Riverdogs Stadium at 7:05 pm

Presidential Service Award service sheets due to Ms. GG

May 17: AP Picnic and Yearbook distribution (afternoon)

May 21: Athletic Banquet

May 24: 27: Senior Trip

May 28: Senior Profiles (Naviance) Due at 8:00am

12th grade textbook returns from 1 pm - 4 pm

May 29: 12th grade textbook returns from 8am-12pm

May 29: Senior Awards Night at 6 pm in the Cafeteria

June 6: Graduation Practice, Field Day (Students who haven't completed their senior profile and checkout cannot participate in field day.)

Please see the full exam schedule for April and May on the next page.



April-May 2024 Testing Calendar



Date	Morning	Both	Afternoon
Monday, April 29 (A)	English 2 Writing Field Test EOC		
Tuesday, April 30 (B)	English 2 Writing Field Test EOC		
Monday, May 6 (B)	AP US Government		AP Art History & AP Chemistry
Tuesday, May 7 (A)	AP Human Geography		AP Seminar & AP Stats
Wednesday, May 8 (B)	AP English Lit		AP Computer Science
Thursday, May 9 (A)	AP Environmental		AP Psychology
Friday, May 10 (B)	APUSH & AP European History		AP Art, AP Economics, & Raptors @ Riverdogs
Monday, May 13 (A)	AP Calculus AB & AP Calculus BC	English 2 Write EOC	
Tuesday, May 14 (B)	AP English Language	English 2 Write EOC	AP Physics & AP African American Studies
Wednesday, May 15 (A)	AP French & AP World,	PLTW Engineering EOC	AP Music Theory & AP CSP
Thursday, May 16 (B)	AP Spanish	PLTW Cyber EOC & PLTW Engineering EOC	AP Biology
Friday, May 17 (A)	AP Physics & 1A Final Exam (12th grade)		AP Picnic
Monday, May 20 (B)	1B Final Exams (12th grade)	Algebra 1 EOC, PLTW Aerospace EOC, & English 2 Reading EOC	3B Final Exams (12th grade)
Tuesday, May 21 (A)	2A Final Exams (12th grade)	English 2 Reading EOC & PLTW Computer Science Essentials EOC	3A Final Exams (12th grade) & Raptors Athletic Banquet
Wednesday, May 22 (B)	AP Make-Ups & 2B Final Exams (12th grade)	Biology 1 EOC, U.S. History EOC, PLTW Principles of Engineering EOC, PLTW Intro to Engineering EOC	AP Make-Ups & 4B Final Exams (12th grade)
Thursday, May 23 (A)	AP Make-Ups & Make-Up Final Exams (12th grade)	US History EOC & Biology 1 EOC	AP Make-Ups, 4A Final Exams, & Make-Up Final Exams (12th grade)
Friday, May 24 (B)	AP Make-Ups & Juniors Take Flight		
Tuesday, May 28 (A)	1A Final Exams (9th-11th grades)		3A Final Exams (9th - 11th grades)
Wednesday, May 29 (B)	1B Final Exams (9th-11th grades)		3B Final Exams (9th-11th grades) & 12th Grade Awards Night
Thursday, May 30 (A)	2A Final Exams (9th-11th grades)		4A Final Exams (9th-11th grades)
Friday, May 31 (B)	2B Final Exams (9th-11th grades)		4B Final Exams (9th-11th grades)