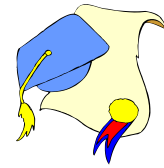




GRADUATION INFO



This is to share some information concerning seniors and graduation week. Hopefully, it will help to make this happy occasion a little less stressful for everyone. As you know, the graduation ceremony will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, June 8, 2018 at the Mullins Center on the University of Massachusetts Campus.

Before Graduation Day:

Caps, gown and tickets will be given out on Friday, June 1st, during all lunch periods, at the High School in room 161. If seniors cannot pick up their caps and gowns that day, please call the main office to make arrangements. Each senior will receive **10 graduation tickets** with their cap and gown. If additional tickets are needed, please request them in writing, from Terry Ominsky in the main office **before May 30th**, so they will be included in the pick up on June 1st. There is no charge for tickets. PLEASE NOTE—Caps and Gowns are kept by each graduate, so pictures can be taken at your leisure.

Seniors are strongly encouraged to settle all fines for overdue or lost books, college transcripts, or any other fee owed to ARHS, BEFORE PICKING UP CAPS AND GOWNS.

On Graduation Day:

Graduation rehearsal will be held at **8 a.m. on June 8th** at the Mullins Center. All graduating seniors must attend this rehearsal, which will last approximately two hours. **Please enter the Mullins Center via the ground level doors on the west side of the building (facing the town of Hadley) for rehearsal.** Lot 67 is available for rehearsal parking. *Note – University parking regulations are in effect if you park in another lot. Students have been issued tickets in the past.*

Doors will open at **5:00 p.m.** for the ceremony. Handicapped parking is provided in the metered lot on the N/E corner of the building. Balloons of any kind are prohibited in the building. This includes mylar and helium ones as they interfere with lighting and equipment. **New This Year** - The Mullins Center has installed metal detectors for the safety of its users. Mullins staff will be available to assist you at all entrances.

In order to preserve the dignity and ceremony of the occasion, we ask that parents and guests remain in the seating area during the ceremony, and not climb down onto the floor of the stadium. After the ceremony, the barriers will be removed so families can reunite. Since the Mullins Center staff must break down the facility set-up that evening, we ask that you not loiter on the floor.

After Graduation Day:

Due to a policy change senior folders (including academic, health, and guidance) must be held at ARHS for 3 years after graduation. Therefore, we are unable to release these records to graduates as we have in the past. Class of 2018 folders can be picked up by the graduate starting in July 2021 and will be destroyed in July 2023.

Computer Accounts:

As graduation nears, some of you may wish to take your Google data with you. The following links will help guide you in transferring or archiving your data.

<https://support.google.com/accounts/answer/3024190?source=gsearch&hl=en>

<https://support.google.com/accounts/answer/6386856>

Please note that accounts will be turned off at some point this summer, so please don't wait to archive or transfer your data.