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Senior Families,

Although it may seem difficult to believe, the high school journey for our seniors is drawing to a close. For parents/guardians, this is always a special moment. Please allow us to share some specifics with you for your planning purposes.

Graduation from high school is an event that comes once in a student's lifetime. The administration and faculty make every effort to provide a ceremony steeped in tradition, one that brings meaning to all graduates and their families and loved ones. Our goal as a professional staff at Discovery High School is to provide a ceremony defined by both dignity and decorum. Students and parents deserve nothing less and we make every effort in our planning to execute a memorable event, start to finish. Below are some financial reminders and activities that will make this possible.

Reminders:

- **Commencement Fee:** Must pay \$100 at the school store to have access to your tickets; last day to pay is **April 17, 2025**. This is **MANDATORY** to participate in the 2025 graduation ceremony.
- **All DHS obligations must be paid in order to participate in graduation. (i.e. dining hall, sports, uniforms, tech fee, etc.)**

SCHEDULE FOR SENIORS Activities:

- **April 11, 2025 - Prom at Lake Eva from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM:** Last day to purchase tickets will be April 4th. Seniors tickets are \$50 - students must turn in their signed Prom Contract when purchasing a ticket.
- **April 25, 2025 - Grad Bash @ Universal Studios: Depart from DHS at 5:00 PM:** Seniors participating in this event will have an excused absence from school that day. They are responsible for any material given in class that day. (Must have purchased a ticket to participate.)
- **April 22, 2025 to May 9, 2025 - EOYs: End of the Year exams.** All seniors must complete the End of the Year exams.
- **May 5, 2025 - DHS Signing Day at 10:30 AM:** DHS seniors **NEXT STEP DECISIONS** (College, career college, military, or career decisions). Seniors will walk a red carpet and sign certificates committing to a college, military, or the workforce.
- **May TBA, 2025 - Senior Field Day:** Seniors will be able to compete with their fellow seniors in a series of field day activities planned by the Executive Council Students.
- **May 20, 2025 - Senior Award Night at DHS at 6:00 PM:** Seniors will be recognized for all their efforts during their high school career.
- **May 22, 2025 - Painted Parking Spots:** seniors who painted their parking spots, must paint over parking spots from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM (If parking space is not painted over, a \$100 obligation fee will be required to receive graduation tickets and diploma)
- **May 22 and 23, 2025 - Graduation Practice at DHS Gym from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM:** This is mandatory, senior students must be at both practices. Seniors will also return their laptops and pick up their graduation tickets.
- **May 25, 2025 - Graduation Day at RP Funding Center in Lakeland 3:30 PM - Seniors must be at the RP Funding Center by 1:45 PM.**



Frequently Asked Questions:

Questions:	Answers:
How many graduation tickets each senior will get?	Each student will receive 14 guaranteed tickets. We know that some families have different situations and we have allowed students to request more tickets. At the current time based on the responses that we have received, we will be able to give those that requested a maximum of 10 extra tickets. This would mean that currently, if requested, a student would receive 24 tickets. If you did not request extra tickets, you will have to go on the waitlist for more. If you requested more than 10, you will be placed on the waitlist for more. (for any questions email Mr. Jemison at darryl.jemison@discoveryfl.org)
When are seniors getting their graduation tickets?	Tickets will not be given to students until after the 2nd Day of Graduation Practice on May 23, 2025. ALL STUDENTS MUST ATTEND BOTH DAYS OF GRADUATION PRACTICE IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE TICKETS (NO EXCEPTIONS). Every person attending the ceremony will need their own ticket. Children under 2 years of age sitting on a lap do not need a ticket.
When are seniors getting their cords?	All regalia will be passed out at Senior Awards Night (5/20); if you cannot attend, it will be passed out at Graduation practice on Thursday (5/22) or Friday (5/23).
What will Senior Awards Night be?	Senior Awards night is a celebration of our Seniors' accomplishments and an opportunity for them to get their regalia.
When will the seniors know who is the Valedictorian and Salutatorian? Are they going to speak at graduation?	The Valedictorian and Salutatorian will be announced at the awards ceremony and yes they will speak at graduation.
Is there a dress code for Graduation?	Yes, a Dress Code Letter was shared with the seniors and posted on Google Classroom. Please refer to the letter for specific information.
Do we have to pay parking at the RP Funding Center?	Yes, you have to pay \$10 for parking at the RP Funding Center.

Congratulations Senior Class of 2025! You did it!!