

**AVONDALE HIGH SCHOOL**  
**CLASS OF 2025**  
*SENIOR DATES & INFORMATION*



❖ **GRADUATION GEAR:**

Caps, gowns, tassels, & other gear can be ordered through [Jostens online](#). **PLEASE NOTE:** Caps & gowns will not be provided to seniors until graduation practice. Other items ordered from Jostens will be delivered as they become available. **\*ALL ORDERS DUE SEPTEMBER 23\***.

❖ **MAY 1, 2025 AT 2:30 PM—SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD VERIFICATION DEADLINE**

In order to be recognized at Convocation Night for any academic scholarships/awards a senior has earned, they must complete [this form](#) & submit a photocopy of each scholarship/award (even if they don't plan to use it!) by **Thursday, May 1st, at 2:30 PM**. Seniors will receive this link via email.

❖ **MAY 12, 2025 AT 2:30 PM—DEADLINE FOR ALL ONLINE CLASSES**

Seniors who need online classes to meet graduation requirements must finish & have a final grade by **2:30 PM on May 12**. **There will be no exceptions or extensions.**

❖ **MAY 15, 2025—LAST DAY FOR SENIORS!**

- May 12th-14th: full days.
- May 15th: first & second hour only.

❖ **MAY 15, 2025 AT 9:15 AM—AHS CONVOCATION PRACTICE**

Seniors invited to Convocation Night will have practice in the auditorium immediately after dismissal.

❖ **MAY 16, 2025—FAILURE TO COMPLETE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Any senior who fails to meet graduation requirements will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony. Seniors & caregivers will be notified on May 16th by counselors if their senior is not graduating.

❖ **MAY 20, 2025—SENIOR BREAKFAST, GRADUATION PRACTICE, & SENIOR WALK**

❖ **MAY 21, 2025—AVONDALE HIGH SCHOOL CONVOCATION NIGHT**

Seniors who have a 3.25 or higher unweighted cumulative GPA at the end of first semester, and any senior who completed the Scholarship & Award form will receive an invite to Convocation Night.

**MAY 29, 2025 AT 7:00 PM—CLASS OF 2025 GRADUATION  
COMMENCEMENT!**

# MAY 20, 2025 DETAILS:

- **BREAKFAST: 7:45 AM**—The Senior Breakfast is hosted by the Junior Class in the cafeteria.
- **MANDATORY GRADUATION PRACTICE: 9:00 AM**—All seniors will report to the fieldhouse to begin graduation practice. They will be seated for a ceremony “talk through” & two ceremony “walk-throughs” with Mr. Sheldon.
- **AFTER THE PRACTICE, SENIORS WILL...**
  - **Pick-up caps & gowns from their counselor.**
  - **Settle fines (if applicable)**—All books & chromebooks must be returned & fines must be paid before seniors can pick up graduation tickets. If these financial obligations are in order, the cap & gown package will be marked with a “**GET TICKETS**” tag.
  - **Other requirements**—Seniors must have their EDP complete on Xello, & submit their “Senior Exit” Google form provided via email from [ahs.counselors@avondaleschools.org](mailto:ahs.counselors@avondaleschools.org).
  - **Pick-up graduation ceremony tickets**—TICKET AMOUNT TENTATIVE. DETAILS TO FOLLOW IN THE SPRING.
  - **Wear cap & gown & line up for the SENIOR WALK.**
- **SENIOR WALK**—In their cap & gown, seniors will line up two by two on the fieldhouse track to begin the ceremonial procession through the building. Caregivers & families are invited to attend & must enter through the vestibule doors by **10:00 AM**. They will line up on either side of Main Street, starting north of the cafeteria & along the main foyer in front of the fieldhouse. Seniors will make their way around & out of the building for the last time as AHS students.
- **SENIORS ON TOUR**—Continuing with our AHS graduation traditions, seniors will have the opportunity to board one of three buses (Auburn grads will walk there with an AHS staff member) & head to the Avondale elementary school they attended. They will parade through the building in their graduation gear. If a senior did not attend Avondale for elementary school, they are welcome to board a bus with a friend or may leave for the day. The buses will then return all students to the high school.
- **TICKETS**—All seniors will receive graduation tickets. **There will be no extra tickets available. Some families may have tickets they don’t plan to use. Please feel free to reach out to other seniors & families if you want extra tickets!**

## HOLD ON TO YOUR TICKETS! WE CANNOT REPLACE THEM IF LOST!

- **THE CAP & GOWN**—How to wear your cap & gown:
  - The graduation cap is worn flat on the head, parallel to the floor. The front point of the cap should be centered on the forehead.
  - The graduation gown should fall midway between the knees & ankles.
  - Tassels hang on the right side & shift to the left after graduates receive their diplomas.
  - Seniors should dress in appropriate attire under their graduation gowns. (Examples: dress slacks, dress shirts, ties, & dresses that do not hang below the gown.)
  - Dress shoes with socks or dress sandals are required. **No athletic shoes or flip flops. Stiletto heels are not permitted on the Fieldhouse floor, but seniors may wear chunky heels or wedges.**
  - Caps & gowns can be accessorized **ONLY** with academic regalia like stoles & honor cords. **Flowers, jewelry, & non-academic accessories MAY NOT be worn.**
  - **Seniors MAY NOT decorate or place signs/symbols on their caps or gowns or toss their caps in the air.** This destroys the formality of the occasion.
  - Any senior not properly attired will be removed from the procession & not allowed to enter the fieldhouse.

