

AVONDALE HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 2026

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 29***.

❖ APRIL 30, 2026 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, April 30, at 2:30 PM. Seniors will receive this link via email and are responsible for submitting the form using their Avondale email.**

❖ MAY 11, 2026 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 11. There will be no exceptions or extensions.**

❖ MAY 14, 2026—LAST DAY FOR SENIORS!

- May 11th-13th: full days.
- May 14th: first & second hour only.

❖ MAY 14, 2026 AT 9:15 AM—AHS CONVOCATION PRACTICE

Seniors invited to Convocation Night will have practice in the auditorium immediately after 2nd hour.

❖ MAY 15, 2026—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 by May 15th if their senior is not graduating.

❖ MAY 19, 2026—SENIOR BREAKFAST, GRADUATION PRACTICE, & SENIOR WALK

❖ MAY 20, 2026—AHS CONVOCATION NIGHT

Seniors who have a weighted cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher at the end of first semester, and any senior who completed the Scholarship & Award form will receive an invite to Convocation Night.

❖ MAY 28, 2026 AT 7:00 PM—CLASS OF 2026 GRADUATION COMMENCEMENT!

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MAY 19, 2026 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.
- **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 & complete the [“Senior Exit”](#) Google form provided via email from ahs.counselors@avondaleschools.org.
 - **Pick-up graduation ceremony tickets.**
 - **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**—Seniors will have the opportunity to board one of three buses (Auburn grads will walk 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 seniors to the high school and are dismissed for the day.
- **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!**

DON’T LOSE YOUR TICKETS! THERE WILL BE NO EXTRA TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL!

- **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.
 - 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. Seniors may wear chunky heels or wedges. Athletic shoes, flip flops, & stiletto heels are **NOT** permitted.
 - Flowers, customized jewelry, sunglasses, & non-academic accessories **MAY NOT** be worn.
 - Caps & gowns can be accessorized **ONLY** with academic regalia like stoles & honor cords.
 - Seniors **MAY NOT** decorate or place signs/symbols on their caps or gowns or toss their caps in the air.
 - Any senior not properly attired will be removed from the procession & not allowed to enter the fieldhouse.

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