



Meridian High School Commencement News

“Celebrating a milestone in education and looking forward to a promising future”

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Important Graduation Information

- **Graduation** will be held in Ray Stadium on Friday, May 24 at 7:30 p.m.
- **Handicap Parking** will be available on the road that surrounds the practice field and the northeast corner of the stadium
- **Shuttle Service** will be provided to assist the handicapped and elderly to and from the stadium
- **Graduation orientation and rehearsal is mandatory** and will be held Friday, May 24, at 8:00 a.m. in the school auditorium
- **In case of rain**, graduation will be held on Saturday, May 25, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. at Ray Stadium. If weather doesn't permit, it will be held in the gymnasium; 2 tickets per student will be issued
- Graduates will be able to pick up their caps and gowns Wednesday, May 22 after lunch and Thursday, May 23 from 8:30 – 3:30
- Graduates are to **report to the auditorium no later than 6:30 p.m.** Friday, May 24. Students who arrive after this time will not be allowed to walk
- **Graduates are not to bring cell phones.** Have someone else hold your cell phone

Commencement is a ceremony in which families and friends honor the graduating

class. It is a formal, dignified, serious, and joyous occasion. The behavior of the participants and their guests should reflect this dignity. We ask the public and the graduates to adhere to the following guidelines:

- No Balloons or flowers
- No noisemakers
- No "cat calls," yelling, or making noises as names are being called
- Please hold your applause until all graduates have been awarded diplomas

In Addition, for graduates:

- No gesturing to the crowd in the form of fist pumping or hand gesturing
- No dancing
- No outbursts
- No chewing gum
- No purses or other items carried during the ceremony
- No undue attention to oneself

Further Instructions:

- Wear your mortarboard (cap) on your head during the entire ceremony. All young men should take their cap off during the prayer.
- Female graduates should wear skirts or dresses. Male graduates should wear dress pants, collared dress shirt, and a tie. Sneakers, flip-flops, cut-offs or other inappropriate articles of clothing will not be allowed.

At the conclusion of the graduation ceremony:

- Graduates report to the girl's gym to turn in cap and gown. Graduates will then receive their diplomas.