

# **IMPORTANT GRADUATION INFORMATION**

April 2025

# **2025 Graduation Ceremonies**

Sunday, June 8, 2025 – PPL Center – 1:00 p.m.

# **Graduation Information Website**

www.eastpennsd.org/athletics-activities/graduation-information

#### Tuesday, May 27 - SENIOR AWARDS EHS Auditorium

Senior Awards will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Emmaus High School. You will receive an invitation to the ceremony if you are a recipient of an award.

# Monday, June 2 - OBLIGATION DAY EHS Cafeteria FINAL EXAM MAKE-UPS Classroom

Students must reconcile all obligations including library book return, assigned discipline, technology equipment, etc. in order to pick up their caps and gowns on Thursday. Printed tickets for the commencement ceremony will be distributed to students on Monday, June 2 once all of their obligations have been cleared. Enter through Pine Street Cafeteria Doors (DO NOT PARK IN STAFF PARKING)

7:30 - 8:15 am Students with Last Names A-D and VESPA Students

8:15 - 9:00 am Students with Last Names E-K

9:00 - 9:45 am Students with Last Names L-Q

9:45 - 10:30 am Students with Last Names R-Z

# Tuesday, June 3 at 9:00 a.m. - YEARBOOK SIGNING / SENIOR PICNIC / TAILGATE EHS Gymnasium

#### Wednesday, June 4 at 8:00 a.m. - SENIOR GRADUATION PRACTICE AND MEETING EHS Gymnasium

#### Thursday, June 5 at 8:00 a.m. - CAP AND GOWN DISTRIBUTION and PARADE OF GRADUATES

Caps and gowns will be distributed to the seniors in the Auditorium on Thursday, June 5, beginning at 8:00 AM. <u>Seniors will not be able to receive these until all unsettled obligations (financial, discipline, unreturned books, or other school materials) have been resolved.</u> More details, including the collection of school materials, debt resolution, and cap and gown pick-up, will be sent out via *Schoology* in late May. Graduation cap and gowns do not need to be returned and are yours as a personal memento of this special day.

# Thursday, June 5 at 9:00 a.m. - PARADE OF GRADUATES

After students receive their cap and gowns in the Auditorium, we will be loading buses and taking our graduates (wearing their caps and gowns) to one of the EPSD elementary schools! Our seniors will parade around the school led by the school's principal and get to visit with their former teachers and our littlest Hornets! What a great way for our graduates to be role models for our elementary students and to thank their teachers for helping them get to this milestone! If for some reason your senior does not have parent/guardian permission to ride the bus to this event, parents must email Mrs. Guarriello to opt out of this event by Tuesday, June 3.



#### Friday, June 6 - GRADUATION PRACTICE PPL Center – TIME TBA

*Mandatory For Everyone*. All students are to report to the PPL Center on time on Friday, June 6, 2025. It is mandatory that all students attend practice. Any student who is unable to attend practice must contact Mrs. Guarriello by Tuesday, May 27 before 3:00 p.m. Any updates regarding graduation practice will be sent out to seniors via *Schoology*.

#### Sunday, June 8 - COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES (PPL Center - 701 Hamilton St - Allentown)

Seniors must report to the Air Products Gate (located on 7<sup>th</sup> St.) of the PPL Center. Seniors should arrive between 11:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. for a security check. You are only permitted to bring car keys and a cell phone into the venue with you. <u>Caps and gowns are required for all graduates.</u> Caps may not be decorated. <u>Only</u> National Honor Society stoles, honor grad medals or military stoles may be worn with your gown. Students are expected to dress appropriately for the ceremony. Do not wear jeans, sneakers, flip flops, or other casual attire. Seniors who are unable to attend Commencement must contact Mrs. Guarriello, in writing, prior to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 30. The ceremony will be live-streamed. The link can be located on the Athletics and Activities web page. Doors open at 12:00 p.m. for guests.

#### Monday, June 9 - DIPLOMA DISTRIBUTION

Diplomas will be distributed on Monday, June 9. Graduates must report to the EHS Auditorium between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. to pick up their diploma. Diplomas will not be mailed.

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**GRADUATION TICKETS** – Students will receive printed tickets during obligation day on Monday, June 2 once all of their obligations have been cleared. Each graduate will receive six (6) graduation tickets. If more tickets are needed, please <u>submit a request using the extra tickets form.</u> Requests must be submitted by Friday, May 9.

**SEATING AT GRADUATION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES/WHEELCHAIRS** – Upon arrival at the PPL Center, please locate a PPL staff usher. They will guide you to the section. Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

**ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THOSE WITH HEARING IMPAIRMENTS** – Please contact the Student Activities Office at 610-965-1670 by May 16, if you or a person in your group is hearing impaired and needs seating in view of a sign language interpreter.

**SENIOR BALL** – The Senior Ball will be held on Saturday, May 10 from 6:00 p.m. – 10 p.m. at the ArtsQuest Center at SteelStacks. The LAST day for ticket purchase is the end of the day on <u>Wednesday, April 23.</u> If a senior is bringing a non-EHS guest, the necessary paperwork is due to your AP by April 16. For more information, please contact your class advisors Mrs. Ardito at <u>sardito@eastpennsd.org</u> or Ms. Hess at <u>jhess@eastpennsd.org</u>.

**SENIOR SUNSET** - The Senior Sunset will take place on Monday, June 2 from 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the EPSD Stadium with ice cream served. The rain date for this event is Wednesday, June 4 at 8:00 p.m. The RSVP link will be sent out in May.

**UNSETTLED ACCOUNTS AND OUTSTANDING DISCIPLINE TIME** – All outstanding debts need to be resolved by Wednesday, June 4. Payment may be brought to the Main Office and settled by cash, money order, or certified check. You must also resolve all outstanding detention time before graduation. See your Assistant Principal, for details.



**COMMENCEMENT SPEECH COMPETITION** – The competition is open to all seniors, including all LCTI students. Interested students should contact Mr. Speicher at (<u>sspeicher@eastpennsd.org</u>) or Ms. DiDona at (<u>ddidona@eastpennsd.org</u>) by Tuesday, April 29 to schedule a time to audition. Auditions will be held on or around Friday, May 2.

**WEBSITE** – Please view <u>www.eastpennsd.org/athletics-activities/graduation-information</u> to obtain up-to-the minute graduation information. If you have any questions, feel free to contact The Student Activities Office at 610-965-1670.

**SENIOR YARD SIGNS** – The EPSD Education Foundation yard signs can be ordered at <u>Order your 2025</u> <u>Senior Sign TODAY!</u> Sale ends May 12. Signs can be picked up at EHS on May 20 from 8:00 – noon or May 20 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Door #8.

**PHOTOGRAPHS** - Photographers from Christmas City Studio will be at the EHS commencement ceremony to photograph each graduate during their special moment of recognition. Within 5 days of the ceremony, every parent/guardian of a graduate will receive an email, sent to the email on file, with instructions to view their images, and to place an order if they'd like. Orders will be mailed directly home. If you have questions about your image and it's been more than 5 days since the ceremony, call 610-691-2109 or email <u>customerservice@christmascitystudio.com</u>.

#### EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY PIN - Please visit the graduation website

<u>www.eastpennsd.org/athletics-activities/graduation-information</u> for the activity pin information. The instructions and worksheet will be available on the website until the deadline of May 9. If you qualify, you will receive your pin during the week of June 2.