

IMPORTANT GRADUATION INFORMATION

April 2026

2026 Commencement Ceremony

Sunday, June 7, 2026 – PPL Center – 1:00 p.m.

Graduation Information Websitewww.eastpennsd.org/athletics-activities/graduation-information**Emmaus High School End of Year Schedule****Friday, April 24 - LCTI Senior Recognition Breakfast EHS Library 8:00 am**

Invitations were mailed and emailed home. All Senior LCTI students and their families are invited to attend.

Wednesday, 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 1 - OBLIGATION DAY EHS Cafeteria
FINAL EXAM MAKE-UPS Classroom**

Students must reconcile all obligations including library book return, assigned discipline, technology equipment, (Chromebooks and chargers), etc. in order to pick up their caps and gowns on Thursday, June 4. Please bring cash or a check ready to clear your debt. Printed tickets for the commencement ceremony will be distributed to students on Monday, June 1 once all of their obligations have been cleared. Enter through Pine Street Cafeteria Doors (DO NOT PARK IN STAFF PARKING)

7:30 - 8:15 a.m. Students with Last Names A-D and VESPA Students

8:15 - 9:00 a.m. Students with Last Names E-K

9:00 - 9:45 a.m. Students with Last Names L-Q

9:45 - 10:30 a.m. Students with Last Names R-Z

Monday, June 1 at 8:00 p.m. - SENIOR SUNSET EPSD Stadium

The Senior Sunset will take place on Monday, June 1 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 3 at 8:00 p.m. The RSVP link will be sent out in May.

Tuesday, June 2 at 8:00 a.m. - YEARBOOK SIGNING / SENIOR BREAKFAST EHS Gymnasium**Wednesday, June 3 at 8:00 a.m. - SENIOR GRADUATION PRACTICE AND MEETING EHS Gymnasium****Thursday, June 4 at 8:00 a.m. - CAP AND GOWN DISTRIBUTION / PARADE OF GRADUATES Auditorium**Caps and gowns will be distributed to the seniors in the Auditorium Lobby on Thursday, June 4, beginning at 8:00 AM. Seniors will not be able to receive these until all unsettled obligations (financial, discipline, unreturned books, or other school materials) have been resolved. More details, including the collection of school materials, debt resolution, and cap and gown pick-up, will be sent out via *Schoolology* in late May. Graduation cap and gowns do not need to be returned and are yours as a personal memento of this special day.

8:00 – 8:10 a.m. Students with Last Names A – E

8:10 – 8:20 a.m. Students with Last Names F – J

8:20 – 8:30 a.m. Students with Last Names K – N

8:30 – 8:40 a.m. Students with Last Names O – T

8:40 – 8:50 a.m. Students with Last Names U – Z

8:40 – 8:50 a.m. VESPA Students

Thursday, June 4 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 Monday, June 1.

Friday, June 5 - GRADUATION PRACTICE PPL Center - TIME TBA

Mandatory For Everyone. All students are to report to the PPL Center on time on Friday, June 5, 2026. It is mandatory that all students attend practice. There will be an opportunity to sign up for transportation in May. Any student who is unable to attend practice must contact Mrs. Guarriello by Tuesday, May 26 before 3:00 p.m. Any updates regarding graduation practice will be sent out to seniors via *Schoology*.

Sunday, June 7 - COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES (PPL Center - 701 Hamilton St - Allentown)

Seniors must report to the Air Products Gate (located on 7th 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. Caps and gowns are required for all graduates. Caps may not be decorated. Only 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 29. 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 8 - DIPLOMA DISTRIBUTION

Diplomas will be distributed on Monday, June 8. 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 1 once all of their obligations have been cleared. Each graduate will receive six (6) graduation tickets. If more tickets are needed, please [submit a request using the extra tickets form](#). Requests must be submitted by Friday, May 8.

****ALL ADDITIONAL TICKET REQUESTS MUST BE MADE BY THE SENIOR STUDENT USING THEIR EPSD EMAIL ACCOUNT****

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.

COMMENCEMENT ATTIRE – Caps may not be decorated. Only 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. We have added additional recognition for seniors this year with Emmaus High School Graduation Cords. Graduation cords are intended to recognize seniors who have demonstrated sustained and exceptional excellence, leadership, commitment, and service through school-approved programs in 4 categories (academics, extracurriculars, athletics, and service). Seniors will receive the approved graduation cords during obligation day on Monday, June 1. Only the cords received on obligation day may be worn during Graduation.

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THOSE WITH HEARING IMPAIRMENTS – Please contact the Student Activities Office at 610-965-1670 by May 15, 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 Friday, May 8 from 5:00 p.m. – 10 p.m. at The Palace Center. Senior Ball tickets are on sale now. The LAST day for ticket purchase is the end of the day on Thursday, April 23. If a senior is bringing a non-EHS guest, the necessary paperwork is due to your AP by Wednesday, April 8. For more information, please contact your class advisors [Mrs. Frantzen](#) or [Mrs. Simpkins](#). The senior picnic will be on Friday, May 8 at Emmaus High School.

UNSETTLED ACCOUNTS AND OUTSTANDING DISCIPLINE TIME – All outstanding debts need to be resolved by Wednesday, June 3. 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](#) by Friday, April 24 to schedule a time to audition. Auditions will be held during the last week of April.

WEBSITE – Please view www.eastpennsd.org/athletics-activities/graduation-information 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 [Order your 2026 Senior Sign TODAY!](#) Sale ends Tuesday, May 12. Signs can be picked up at EHS on Tuesday, May 19 8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. – 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, only the parent/guardian of a graduate who completed the 2026 Diploma Order Information Form will receive an email, sent to the email provided by the graduate, with instructions to view their images, and to place an order if they'd like.

If your email was provided and you do not wish to receive the photograph of your graduate, please email Amy Peterson by Friday, May 1. 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 customerservice@christmascitystudio.com.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY PIN - Please visit the graduation website www.eastpennsd.org/athletics-activities/graduation-information for the activity pin information. The instructions and worksheet will be available on the website until the deadline of Friday, May 8. If you qualify, you will receive your pin on Monday, June 1 at Obligation Day.

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM COVER DESIGN OPPORTUNITY - As mentioned in the January graduation letter, seniors are invited to submit designs for the 2026 Commencement Program Cover. This is a great opportunity to have your artwork featured as part of this year's graduation ceremony. If you are interested in participating, please contact [Mrs. Peterson](#) in the Activities Office for submission guidelines. The competition is open to all seniors, and design submissions will be accepted through Monday, April 6!