

North Atlanta High School's CLASS OF 2018 INFORMATION

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Attendance

Seniors are required to be present for the whole school year. This includes the scheduled graduation rehearsal days. Starting **Tuesday, May 15** and ending **Tuesday, May 22** seniors will report each morning at 8:45 a.m. to the gymnasium. Any senior found out of rehearsal without the permission of an administrator during this time will risk being suspended from school and will risk not being able to participate in the Visions of the Future or Graduation Exercises.

Behavior

While present in school or at a school organized event, all seniors must follow the rules and regulations of North Atlanta High School, the Atlanta Public School System and the State Department of Education. Failure to follow the rules and regulations of the local school and school system will result in disciplinary action being taken against a student. The regular school day NAHS dress code will be followed.

Breakfast

The Senior Breakfast will be held at Mt. Paran Church on **Monday, May 21**. The cost is included in senior fees. Dress appropriately (Business or Dressy Casual attire only) - no jeans, no t-shirts, no shorts, no flip flops and no sneakers. Students who are not dressed appropriately will be turned away and not permitted to attend. On the morning of the breakfast, report to the gym at 8:45 a.m. to sign in. The class will go to the church together.

Cap and Gown

Only seniors who meet the requirements of graduation will receive a cap and gown. If a senior does not meet the requirements of graduation, they can either get a refund or have the cap and gown held for summer graduation. All refunds must be requested by **Friday, May 25**. Cap and Gown distribution will be on **Wednesday, May 16** after rehearsal. Please prepare to stay late that day.

Decision Day

Get excited for Decision Day on **Friday, May 18** at 11:00 a.m. Decision Day is a moment where each senior gets a chance to announce what they will be pursuing after high school to their underclassmen peers, parents, family, and friends. Students can announce their next step to college, gap year, apprenticeship, or career. So keep your decision a secret for now to make it as exciting as possible!

Dress Requirements for Dress Rehearsal, Visions of the Future, and Graduation

Seniors will be pulled out of the dress rehearsal at the GWCC, Visions, and Graduation if they are not properly dressed. Please adhere to the following guidelines.

1. Press robes thoroughly with a **cool** iron.
2. Young women must wear white dresses or white blouse/white skirt. The same dress or blouse/skirt should be worn for Visions and Graduation. Dresses should not be longer than the gown and no more than 3 inches above the knee. Shoes should be white dress shoes with low or no heels. Dress sandals can be worn. **NO TENNIS SHOES** (including Keds, Toms, Sketchers, etc.)
3. Young men must wear white long sleeve collared business shirts, black dress pants, black dress shoes with black socks, and a solid silver tie or solid silver bow tie. You may purchase a tie for \$10 when graduation practice starts. **NO TENNIS SHOES**.
4. **DO NOT WEAR JEWELRY!** Jewelry should never be worn with academic regalia. This includes facial jewelry, necklaces, bracelets, and rings. Small stud earrings can be worn.
5. Caps should be worn so that the pointed end fits directly between the eyebrows—two finger widths above the eyebrows. A cap should never be worn on the side or the back of the head. The top of the hat should be parallel to the ground.
6. Leave purses and all valuables at home or with your family for both Visions of the Future and Graduation. There will not be a designated "safe place."

Final Exams and Second Semester Grades

Friday, May 4 is the last day to turn in all class assignments before Exams start for seniors. Exams for seniors are **May 7 - May 10**. Final grades for seniors will be posted as final exams end. All grades will be posted by 5:00 on **Friday May 11**. For eligible students, re-exams will be held **Friday, May 11** and **Monday, May 14**. On **Wednesday, May 16**, the counselors will submit the final list of eligible graduates to Mrs. Hunter. **ONLY** students on that list will be able to participate in Visions of the Future and Graduation.

Graduation Announcements

A set of 10 announcements are included in the senior fees. They DO NOT include name cards. Extra announcements can also be purchased from Herff Jones. The website is www.highschool.herffjones.com and the phone number is 770-921-9022. **Announcements are not the same as tickets.**

Graduation Ceremony

The Graduation ceremony will be held **Thursday, May 24** at the Georgia World Congress Center in Hall C3 beginning promptly at 6:30 p.m. All graduating seniors will report to the holding room C211 by 4:30 p.m. and go immediately to their assigned seat so that attendance can be taken. The graduation ceremony is a serious, formal ceremony. Seniors and their guests should be on time to ensure an orderly beginning to the ceremony. Parents should suggest to other relatives and friends that the ceremony should be a dignified occasion; therefore, applause is much more appropriate than loud vocal remarks or cat calls when a senior's name is called. Loud remarks are embarrassing to the senior. We hope this will be a memorable occasion for all seniors, parents, relatives and friends. In addition, spectators are not allowed to bring balloons, large bags, noisemakers, and other items that will distract from the ceremony. They will be confiscated. All bags and purses will be searched. An official APS admittance ticket is required of everyone who enters including children. The ceremony will last approximately one and a half hours, and the doors will open 1 hour prior to the start of the event. Once you enter, you will not be allowed to exit or pass tickets to others outside the venue. You will also not be allowed to save seats. After the graduation ceremony concludes, everyone must leave the venue so that it can be cleaned and prepared for the next graduation. Every graduating senior who is participating in the Commencement Ceremony is guaranteed 10 tickets for their family and friends. Extra tickets above and beyond the 10 guaranteed will be distributed during the mandatory rehearsals in the days preceding graduation as they become available.

Graduation Dress Rehearsal

This rehearsal is mandatory! Dress rehearsal will be at the Georgia World Congress Center on **Wednesday, May 23** beginning at 7:00 a.m. and ending at 10:30 a.m. The 2018 class picture will be taken at this time. All seniors should dress exactly the same as they will for graduation. This is a FULL dress rehearsal. Only seniors dressed appropriately will be allowed to participate! Seats will be reassigned for those that are late, inappropriately dressed, or absent.

Graduation Dress Rehearsal and Graduation Day Directions and Parking

The address is 285 Andrew Young Int'l Blvd 30313. Hall C is located on the Northside Dr. side of the GWCC. If driving, the yellow or blue lots are recommended for Hall C parking. Parking is between \$10 and \$15. Public transportation is also an option. The GWCC is accessible at the Dome/GWCC/Philips Arena/CNN Center Station or the Vine City Station which is actually closer to Hall C. Students will report directly to the holding room. Parking and Directions: <https://www.gwcca.org/parking-directions/>

Graduation Eligibility

To be certified for graduation, a senior must adhere to the following: (1) Meet attendance requirements, (2) Earn required unit credits in grades 9 through 12*, (3) Pass all required state assessments and complete community service requirements. Seniors who have not completed graduation requirements will not be eligible to participate in graduation exercises or Visions of the Future. *Unit credits earned during second semester will become final for seniors on **Wednesday, May 16.**

Obligations

Senior obligations are any debt owed to North Atlanta High School by a senior preparing for graduation. These obligations come in the form of unpaid fees, lost/stolen textbooks, IB/AP exam fees, uniforms, equipment, costumes, etc. that have been incurred since enrolling at NAHS. Before a senior is allowed to receive their cap and gown and participate in Visions/graduation, these obligations must be cleared. Students will only be notified if obligations exist. NO checks can be accepted as payment of senior obligations. Money orders should be made payable to North Atlanta High School (unless otherwise noted)

Senior Class Party - Main Event

On **Wednesday, May 23** North Atlanta Seniors will have ALL ACCESS to Main Event on Cobb Parkway with Bowling, Laser Tag, Ropes Course, Billiards, a \$10 card for the arcade, pizza and a drink. Seniors will be dismissed from graduation rehearsal to the event at 11:30 p.m.

Post High School Acceptances/Scholarships

We need ALL post high school acceptances AND scholarship awards submitted by **Monday, April 23**. Submit each official copy of acceptances and/or award letters/emails either by email to nahscollege@gmail.com or by dropping it off in the CCC (room 8141.) This data will be used for graduation events, announcements, and graduation programs. Anything not turned in by **Monday, April 23** may not be included in the graduation program.

Prom- “A Night at Gatsby’s”

The Junior/Senior Prom is on **Saturday, April 14** from 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis Hotel. Details can be found on <http://northatlantaseniors.weebly.com/prom.html>

Re-Exams

Adhering to APS board policy, North Atlanta has the following policies concerning senior re-examination: (1) Students with 10 or more absences or tardies will not be eligible for a re-exam. (2) No more than one-half unit of credit (1 course) may be granted by re-examination per semester, with an aggregate of no more than one unit of credit being granted by re-examination. (3) The subject matter to be covered in a re-exam shall be the work of the semester. The grade on the re-exam will be the grade recorded on the transcript. If the grade is “70” or above, the student shall be promoted in the subject in which he or she has failed. Your counselor will give specific details concerning second semester re-exam procedures at a later date.

Rehearsals for Visions of the Future and Graduation

All graduating seniors must attend all rehearsals for both Visions of the Future and Graduation at 8:45 a.m. Plan to stay all day. Seniors who are taking AP/IB exams should report to practice each day as soon as they finish their exam. Students absent from school on any day of practice are at risk of not being able to participate in senior activities and/or graduation. Roll will be taken each day. Do not plan any appointments during school hours from during the entire month of May.

Senior Fees

The deadline for paying senior fees is past but it is not too late if you pay online. This money will pay for your cap and gown, your diploma cover, 10 official graduation announcements, your 2017-2018 Yearbook, a Graduation Week Senior Breakfast and Class Party, a class of 2018 t-shirt, a class of 2018 custom draw string sack (as well as other graduation memorabilia just for you), professional programs for both Visions of the Future and Commencement, and more! Our goal is to make these culminating events very memorable and dignified. **THIS MONEY HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH PROM and/or JUNIOR DUES.** Please go to northatlantaseniors.weebly.com for details on how to make payments. Seniors will not receive their cap and gown or diploma cover until they are eligible to graduate, whether that be in May with the rest of the class, or during summer graduation. Seniors who are not eligible to graduate in May can still participate in the breakfast and Class Party. They will also receive their yearbook and any memorabilia/gifts.

Visions of the Future Program

This program allows each senior to consider how far they have come and to envision what they can be in the future. The focus is not on individual accomplishments. Instead, the focus is on all the many possibilities for life after high school. While graduation is on a big stage, “Visions” is a more intimate opportunity to celebrate with your classmates, teachers, and parents. The program includes a guest speaker (often a North Atlanta alumnus) and several student speakers. “Visions of the Future” will be held on **Thursday, May 17** at 6:00 p.m. in the North Atlanta Gymnasium. All graduating seniors must report to the auditorium at 4:30 p.m. There will be a reception following the ceremony; please plan to attend. Electing not to participate in the program does NOT exempt you from school.

Visions of the Future Speaker Tryouts

What is your vision for the future of the class of 2018? The graduation committee is looking for seniors who are interested in speaking at the 2018 Visions program. Please prepare a speech, poem, or other spoken word selection (limit of 3 min) that you would like to share with your graduating class, their families, and the teachers and staff of NAHS at the Visions program. It should be encouraging and inspiring with a focus on the future of the Class of 2018. Turn it in or email a copy of your selection to Mrs. Hunter in room 5113 by 4:00 by **Friday, April 20** to nhunter@atlanta.k12.ga.us. When you turn in a copy, you will be assigned a tryout time for **Wednesday, April 25**. You will audition in front of a panel of teachers and staff.

Vocal Tryouts for Graduation

Want to be a vocalist during graduation? You don’t have to be in the chorus to be considered. Join Dr. Morisco’s remind group by texting [@na-gradaud](https://www.instagram.com/na-gradaud) to 81010.

CALENDAR

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
APRIL	8	9 B day	10 A day	11 B day	12 A day	13 B day	14 Prom
	15	16 A day	17 B day	18 A day	19 B day	20 A day Visions Speaker Speeches Due to Mrs. Hunter	21
	22	23 B day Post High School Acceptances and Scholarships deadline	24 A day	25 B day Visions Speaker TRYOUTS (by appointment)	26 A day	27 B day	28
MAY	29	30 A day	1 B day	2 A day	3 B day	4 A day Last Day to turn in class assignments AND TEXTBOOKS	5
	6	7 Senior Exams 1B,3B (regular schedule)	8 Senior Exams 1A, 3A (regular schedule)	9 Senior Exams 2B, 4B (regular schedule)	10 Senior Exams 2A, 4A (regular schedule)	11 B Day Senior Checklist Due (regular schedule) Senior Re-exams	12
	13	14 A Day Senior Checklist Due (regular schedule) Senior Re-exams	15 8:45 am–1:00 pm Seniors in Gym for Visions/Grad rehearsal Yearbook Distribution	16 8:45 am–1:00 pm Seniors in Gym for Visions/Grad rehearsal Cap and Gown Distribution Final Day to be cleared for Graduation	17 8:45 am–1:00 pm Seniors in Gym for Visions/Grad rehearsal 6:00 pm Vision of the Future Program (Seniors report at 4:30 pm)	18 8:45 am–1:00 pm Seniors in Gym for Graduation rehearsal Decision Day 11:00 a.m.	19
20	21 8:45 am Seniors report to Gym Senior Breakfast Graduation rehearsal begins after breakfast.	22 8:45 am–1:00 pm Seniors in Gym for Graduation rehearsal	23 7:00 am - Dress Rehearsal at GWCC 11:30pm-3:30pm - Main Event Party	24 No School at all for seniors 6:30 pm Commencement Ceremony at GWCC (Seniors report at 4:30 pm)	25 No School at all for seniors		