

# ***Howard High School***



**Class of 2022**

## **Senior Activities & Commencement Instructions**

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## **Howard High School**

Dear Senior,

You will find this information very helpful during your final weeks at Howard High School. We are giving you this information at this time so that you may begin to make plans for your senior activities. Attendance at graduation rehearsals is mandatory if you wish to participate in the graduation ceremony. Please make arrangements to be present in school for all of the scheduled mandatory graduation rehearsals (see calendar for times).

<b><i>Date</i></b>	<b><i>Time</i></b>	<b><i>Event</i></b>
<u>May 9th - May 12th</u>	1-6 Periods	Classroom Visits by Mrs. Hoffman and Ms. Jeffery
May 2 <sup>nd</sup> – May 6 <sup>th</sup> May 9 <sup>th</sup> – May 12 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am – 3:00 pm	<b>Advanced Placement Exams</b> /Regular Class Schedule
May 13th	8:00-11:00 pm	Senior Prom
May 20th		Class Period 1, 2, 3, & 4 Senior Exams Period <b>5 and 6</b>  All requests for extra tickets All non-participation requests in writing due to Mr. Novak All obligations must be cleared. If obligations are not cleared, no graduation tickets will be issued on May 26.
May 23rd		Class Period 1, 2, 5, & 6 Senior Exams Period <b>3, &amp; 4B</b>
May 24th		Class Periods 1, 3, 5 & 6 Senior Exams Period <b>2 and 4A</b>
May 25th	8:30-9:00 am 9:00-11:00 am  4:00-6:00 PM	Period <b>1</b> Senior Exams Class Pictures <b>Mandatory</b> Graduation Rehearsal Cap and Gown/Regalia Distribution OUR Howard Awards Senior Community Award Ceremony (Stadium)
May 26th	8:00-9:00 am  9:30-11:00 am	Senior Breakfast  <b>Mandatory</b> Graduation Rehearsal Graduation Ticket Distribution
May 27th		NO SCHOOL FOR SENIORS
June 1st	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Seniors Report to Merriweather Post Pavilion Commencement Ceremony Begins

## GRADUATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. You do not have to participate in the graduation ceremony in order to receive a diploma. Parents must submit a written request for non-participation to Mr. Nicholas Novak by **May 2, 2022**.
  2. Although participation in the graduation is voluntary, attendance at all graduation rehearsals is mandatory in order to participate in the exercise. Be on time and stay for the full time. Please make arrangements NOW to attend all rehearsals.
  3. Caps and gowns are required attire for the graduation ceremony and the Awards Ceremony.
    - a. Seniors should wear their caps straight on their heads with the deep part at the back and the tassel over the left temple.
    - b. Some of the caps will not fit easily with all present hair fashions. Adjust your hair fashion accordingly.
    - c. No sneakers, tennis shoes, boots, or other such footwear will be allowed. For safety reasons no Flip Flops may be worn.
    - d. Do not use any kind of iron on your gown. It will melt your gown and destroy your iron.
    - e. Under no circumstances are caps to be painted, decorated, or altered.
  4. All Howard County School System policies and school rules will remain in effect and will be enforced. Please do not jeopardize your privilege to receive a diploma. Listen! Pay attention! If you do not cooperate during rehearsals, you will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.
  5. Each graduate will receive 10 graduation tickets at rehearsal on **Thursday, May 26, 2022**. Beginning **May 2, 2022**, Students may request a maximum of 8 additional tickets. If additional tickets are needed, please submit a request via this link:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeNdA\\_t5F6qvH4Xapvt7wQbuypXeex57VF-LMEngE-K1nF5w/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeNdA_t5F6qvH4Xapvt7wQbuypXeex57VF-LMEngE-K1nF5w/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0) before **Friday, May 20, 2020**.
- The request should include your child's name, # of additional tickets. If you do not hear from us, your request has been approved. **Students who still have outstanding obligations will not receive their tickets until these obligations have been satisfied.**
6. **Parking at Graduation:** Upon arrival in the vicinity of Merriweather Post Pavilion, uniformed staff will direct cars to the closest available parking. Please plan to walk; the number of close spaces is limited. Merriweather "Lot 1" which is located just inside the Little Patuxent Parkway entrance is designated as ADA/Handicapped parking. Entrants must have a disability placard and/or license plates. If the lot fills, the parking team will direct cars to the nearest available spaces. Guests with disabilities may also be dropped off and picked up in the backstage loading area.