

Graduation 2011 General Information

Neil Blaisdell Center Arena
Saturday, May 21, 2011 at 5:00 PM



Check-in at Blaisdell Center by 1:00 p.m. (Check in will start at 12:00 p.m.).

- understand that if a qualified senior who arrives after 1:00 p.m. but before 2:00 p.m. that qualified senior will be allowed to participate in the Commencement but will not be included in the class picture taken at Blaisdell Center.
- understand that any qualified senior who arrives after 2:00 p.m. but before 3:00 p.m. will not be included in the class picture and will incur an after-school detention of two (2) hours. The detention will be scheduled by appointment with the vice-principal, and the qualified senior will not be allowed to pick up his/her diploma packet unless the detention is completed.
- understand that any qualified senior who arrives after 3:00 p.m. will be denied the privilege to participate in the Commencement ceremony.

BLAISDELL POLICY (Per Blaisdell Center officials)

The following items are **NOT ALLOWED** in the Arena (ceremony) and Exhibition Hall (reception area):

- BALLOONS** (we will be charged for each balloon the Blaisdell has to get down)
- NOISEMAKERS
- AIR HORNS
- SILLY STRING
- LASER POINTERS
- SIGNAGE ON STICKS**
- TAPE ON WALLS
- BABY STROLLER (to be checked in with usher staff)
- TRIPODS
- OUTSIDE FOOD/BEVERAGES
- CONFETTI CANNONS

Please pass this information on to your family, extended family, and friends. Anyone who brings any of the items will not be allowed to enter the Arena (ceremony) or Exhibition Hall (reception area).

**leis, gifts, posters, etc. must fit on person's lap or under the seat, NO AISLE CAN BE OBSTRUCTED and all bags/packages are subject to search.

PARKING:

1. Parking for guests will be Blaisdell parking lot and any street parking in the area. Please be advised of parking signs and times on the street.
2. Cost to enter Blaisdell parking lot will be \$5. NO PRE-SALE OF PARKING TICKETS.
3. Handicap parking is already marked

**Please note that another school will be graduating on the same day and at the same time in the Concert Hall. Pearl City will have the use of the Arena and Exhibition Hall.

**Additional parking at McKinley High School

SEATING:

1. Enter through the turnstiles – **TICKET REQUIRED TO ENTER** (you will receive tickets on 4/29)
 - a. Entrance to floor seating will be from the back of the Arena – first come-first served basis. Tickets are neon pink.
 - b. Entrance to the lodge/second floor seating will be from the open stairwells – first come-first basis. Tickets are neon yellow.
 - c. NO ADDITIONAL TICKETS WILL BE SOLD.
2. Graduates will be seated on the stage, facing the audience, with the girls on the right and the boys on the left
3. RESERVED SEATING
 - a. First 7 rows in front of stage will be for VIPs
 - b. Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing seating will be to the left of the stage
 - c. People needing assistance may sit in the first row of each section

RECEPTION:

1. Graduates will be exiting the Arena and enter the Exhibition Hall
2. Graduates will be released first. Then patrons that were in the Arena will be allowed to follow once the graduates are situated. **PEOPLE WAITING ON THE CONCOURSE (between the Arena and Exhibition Hall) WILL BE THE LAST TO ENTER.**

Graduation Dress Code

Comply with dress code standards as set by the Commencement Committee as follows:

For both ladies and gentlemen, students must:

1. wear committee-approved cap, tassel, and commencement gown and when appropriate, wear honor stoles/cords purchased from the Committee.
2. have the hem of the commencement gown 10 inches from the floor while wearing shoes.
3. wear approved jewelry which includes small earrings, rings, necklaces, bracelets, and watches.
Jewelry deemed as oversized or outlandish by the graduation advisor or the vice-principal may not be worn. Qualified seniors should remember that those students attending Project Graduation must remove jewelry before checking in to Project Graduation activities.
4. refrain from wearing sunglasses.
5. refrain from wearing wigs or costume accessories.

Ladies should:

1. wear an all-white dress (white print on dress is allowed) lower than the neckline of the gown and hemline shorter than the hem of the commencement gown but not shorter than mid thigh. Dresses with spaghetti straps are allowed.
2. know that they may opt to wear a white blouse with a white skirt instead of a white dress
3. refrain from wearing pants, shorts, or t-shirts, all of which are not allowed.
4. refrain from wearing halter tops or strapless tops.
5. wear all-white shoes or sandals; refrain from wearing footwear with prints
6. refrain from wearing shoes with wood or cork soles and refrain from wearing sneakers and brands such as Roxy, Vans, Skechers; refrain from wearing slippers.
7. wear flesh-colored hosiery if the student opts to wear hosiery.
8. wear clear or subtly-colored nail polish, if wearing nail polish

Gentlemen should:

1. wear all-white, short-sleeved or rolled-up long sleeve dress shirt with collar and no prints.
2. wear black dress slacks; refrain from wearing jeans, cords, cargo or carpenter pants.
3. wear black or navy blue tie without prints; refrain from wearing bow ties.
4. wear all-black dress shoes; refrain from wearing sneakers, athletic shoes, beach sandals, slippers, and brands such as Vans or Sketchers.

Questions? See Ms. Kajikawa (D202)

Important dates!!!

Tuesday, April 19- Cap and gown pick up at lunch in M403. Last day to order a cap and gown!

Thursday, April 21- Last day to submit pictures for the graduation slideshow. Turn in to Ms. Yoon (M403).

Friday, April 29- Pick up your graduation packet (ticket for Blaisdell, map for reception area, etc.) Take your exit survey. ***Listen to the bulletin for time and location.***

Tuesday, May 3- Cap and gown exchange day. Lunch in M403.

Friday, May 6- Aloha Assembly... Wear PURPLE! Practice your graduation song... We sing at the assembly.

Friday, May 13- Last day for Seniors. Any obligations need to be paid.

Saturday, May 21- Graduation. Be at Blaisdell by 1:00pm!!!