



Thomas Edison High School  
700 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE  
Minneapolis, MN 55418

## 2019 Graduation Guide

Saturday, June 8, 2019

4:30 PM

Minneapolis Convention Center Auditorium  
1301 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55403

Directions and Parking

<https://www.minneapolis.org/minneapolis-convention-center/directions-parking/>

\*More detailed information will be provided at the senior meetings and will be available on our website:

<https://edison.mpls.k12.mn.us/ThomasEdison>

\*Dates are subject to change

# Minneapolis Public Schools Graduation Requirements

*To receive a diploma from Thomas Edison High School, students need to complete all of the following:*

- Earn at least 21.5 credits
- Attain the required credits in each subject area:
  - 4.0 credits Language Arts
  - 3.5 credits of Social Studies
  - 3.0 credits of Mathematics (Intermediate Algebra and higher)
  - 3.0 credits of Science (Must include Biology and Chemistry or Physics)
  - 0.5 credit Physical Education
  - 0.5 credit Health
  - 1.0 credit of Fine Arts
  - 6.0 Electives
- Complete My Life Plan Milestones

*To walk in the graduation ceremony, the following requirements must be met:*

- Clear any financial obligations due to Edison High School
- Must be within .75 credits of graduation
- Must sign a contract and agree to attend summer school to complete what is needed for a diploma
- No diploma is awarded unless CR completed in the first session of SS
- If CR is NOT completed during session 1, counselors will verify completion of CR in the fall and issue a diploma at that time. This may affect college acceptance.
- If a student does NOT complete the requirements for graduation after summer school, they will be referred to the We Want You Back program at the Davis Center. Students will be able to work online to complete any missing credits. A WWYB team member will contact you and your student during the summer or early fall.

Credit audit letters are mailed home twice a year. Students who do not satisfy graduation requirements should make an appointment with their counselor to make a plan to work towards a later graduation date.

Please note: Students with an active Individual Education Plan must have at least 20.75 credits to participate in the graduation ceremony. In order to earn their diploma they must have at least 21.5 credits and a discussion with their IEP team as to make sure the student has met their IEP goals. Students that plan to attend Transition Plus will receive a certificate of completion at graduation. They will receive their high school diploma upon meeting their IEP goals that were set up at Transition Plus. Contact your student's case manager if you have any questions.

### **Diplomas**

During the graduation ceremony, students will be presented with empty diploma covers. After the ceremony, eligible students will go to the designated area to pick up their actual diplomas.

### **Counselors**

Aili Brom-Palkowski, 9th Grade, 612-668-1383 [aili.brom-palkowski@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:aili.brom-palkowski@mpls.k12.mn.us)

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## Seniors End of Year Calendar 2019

Date	Event	Who to contact
Feb. 4-until books are gone	Order your <b>yearbook</b> (cost is \$10), pay in main office  Yearbooks will be available for pick up in late May. Check announcements for details on arrival. Students will pick up yearbooks in room 129 during advisory or lunch.	Stefanie.Odberg@mpls.k12.mn.us
April 23-May 1	<b>Prom tickets</b> on sale in room 324 during B and C lunches, cost \$60 each person, includes food, soft drinks and photo booth	Ann.England@mpls.k12.mn.us
May 3- May 24	<b>IB exams</b> , schedule released soon	Max.Athorn@mpls.k12.mn.us
May 3	<b>Prom: Grand March</b> will be in the Edison auditorium 5:00-6:00 (names announced at 5:00, photo taking 5:15-6:00, friends and family are welcome to attend (free)  <b>Dance:</b> Ukrainian Event Center 7pm-11pm, ticket holders only	Ann.England@mpls.k12.mn.us
May 7- May 30 (or until buses are full)	<b>Valleyfair</b> money and permission slips turned in to Ms. England in 324. When the buses are full, no more slips will be accepted- cost is predicted to be \$30	Ann.England@mpls.k12.mn.us
May 24	<b>Obligations-</b> Return all books and textbooks, pay all fines	Jill.Laven-Spencer@mpls.k12.mn.us
May 28-29	Senior <b>Finals</b>	
May 30	<b>Last day</b> of classes for seniors	
May 30	Last day to turn in Valleyfair field trip slips (if there is still room on the buses)	Ann.England@mpls.k12.mn.us
May 31, 11am-1:30pm	<b>Cap and Gown</b> pick up in auditorium	Ann.England@mpls.k12.mn.us
Sat., June 1-Sun., June 2	<b>Senior All-Night Party-</b> Tickets sold in Beacons office during advisory and all lunches. Early ticket sales week of April 15-19, \$15; After April 19, \$20  <a href="https://edison.mpls.k12.mn.us/senior_all_night_party_2019">https://edison.mpls.k12.mn.us/senior_all_night_party_2019</a>	Christie.roiz-guevara@mpls.k12.mn.us

June 3, 9:00 am <i>Please note date change. We apologize for any inconvenience.</i>	<b>Senior Awards Ceremony</b> , Edison Auditorium	
June 3, 12:30-3:00 pm	<b>Cap and Gown</b> pick up in auditorium, last chance!	Ann.England@mpls.k12.mn.us
June 3, 6:00-8:00 pm	<b>Annual Blue Gold Athletic Banquet</b> , Edison Cafeteria	
June 6, 8:15-9:30 am	<b>Graduation practice</b> REQUIRED for all graduating seniors! Edison Auditorium	Ann.England@mpls.k12.mn.us
June 6, 9:45 am	Buses leave for <b>Valleyfair</b> for seniors that have turned in money and permission slips, return time to be determined (probably arrive at Edison at 7pm)	Ann.England@mpls.k12.mn.us
June 8, 3:00 pm	Seniors meet at the Minneapolis Convention Center for graduation!	Ann.England@mpls.k12.mn.us
June 8, 4:30pm	<b>Graduation Ceremony</b>	Ann.England@mpls.k12.mn.us

## Obligations

Seniors must pay all obligations issued over their four years with MPS Public Schools at Edison High School in order to participate at graduation.

Obligations may include:

- Books (textbooks and/or library) from any MPS School not returned to the media center. See Jill Laven-Spencer in the media center.
- Athletic fees not paid and equipment/uniforms not returned. See Brett McNeal, Athletic Director in office 121.

Obligations must be paid before a student will receive their cap/gown and participate in the ceremony. Call 612-668-1300 for more information.

All fees must be paid by May 24. Earlier is preferred to ensure receipt of cap and gown.

Payment methods accepted: Cash only

## **Behavior**

Graduation is a formal ceremony and recognition of achievement. It signifies both an end and a beginning. Please respect this occasion by helping us maintain a respectful atmosphere. Audience members should remain seated throughout the ceremony. No one is allowed in the aisles during the ceremony.

A professional photographer will take a picture of each graduate as students cross the stage and receive their diploma cover, so picture taking during the ceremony is discouraged. In addition, the ceremony will be taped and a DVD will be available for purchase.

No one may bring air horns, balloons, silly string, confetti, beach balls or other disruptive or potentially messy items to the Convention Center. Flowers are permitted.

### **No Use Policy**

As in all school sponsored events; no students are allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony or the Senior All Night Party if they are under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Any student or audience member suspected to being under the influence of these substances will be escorted from the ceremony or the party.

### **Dress Code**

Caps and gowns are provided for all students. \*Do not alter and/or decorate the caps and gowns. You will NOT be allowed to participate in the ceremony.

Suggested attire for graduation is as follows:

Dress shirt, tie, non-denim pants, dress, blouse and skirt ensemble, dress shoes

# Senior All Night Party

## 2019 Edison Senior All Night Party

Sponsored by the *Edison Activity Council*

**Volunteers needed! More information will be available on our Weekly Update.**

When: 9:00 p.m. Saturday, June 1st until 6:00 a.m. Sunday, June 2nd

Where: Emma B. Howe Northtown YMCA Coon Rapids

**Arrive at Edison no later than 8:30 p.m. to check in for the bus. Bus leaves Edison at 8:45 p.m. ALL STUDENTS MUST TAKE THE BUS TO AND FROM THE EVENT.**

Permission slips are available at the welcome desk and Beacons office (Rm 100A).

Cost: \$15.00 Week of April 15-19 includes a t-shirt and metal water bottle

Cost: \$20.00 After April 19 (Last day to purchase Thursday, May 30)

\*Scholarships are available. See Ms. Christie in RM 102 for more information.

To register, you will need to submit to Beacons office:

- \* Permission slip signed by parent/guardian, even if you are 18
- \* Permission slip signed by student attending
- \* Pay fee

[SANP Permission Slip](#)

## Commencement Ceremony

Seniors are to report to the Minneapolis Convention Center at 3:00 pm on Saturday, June 8, 2019. Please leave any personal items with your family. Bring your cap, gown and tassel. We suggest that your family drop you off at the Convention Center and then park the car.

The auditorium is not open to guests until 4:00 pm. Commencement will begin promptly at 4:30 p.m. at the Minneapolis Convention Center Auditorium.

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