

Changes to Graduation Ceremony: 2025-2026

The secondary is proposing to make some changes to our graduation ceremony for this school year.

- A. Replace the "Top 10" GPA recognition and move to GPA recognition based on two categories.
 - B. Replace the hoods used during the ceremony and move to a stole. Hoods have been recognized for the CLC A.A. degree, the stole will now serve that per
1. Replacement of Top 10
 - a. Due to management concerns and given the size of our district
 - b. Provides a more consistent standard
 - c. We will keep the valedictorian and salutatorian.
 - i. These two positions are the top two students in the graduating class
 2. Institute GPA Recognition- 2 Categories
 - a. Gold Tassel
 - i. Recognized by those students who have a 3.50 GPA or higher
 - b. Silver Tassel
 - i. Recognition of those students who have attained a GPA between 3.25 and 3.49
 3. Replace the hoods with a stole
 - a. We have been in contact with Jostens as they would be providing the stole in Royal Blue. Cost will be \$11 to \$18 per stole with the need of 30.
 4. To students
 - a. Graduating Class of 2025
 - i. Gold Tassel- 10 at \$10 each- \$100
 - ii. Plaque- 10 at \$40 each- \$400
 - iii. Medallions (Valedictorian and Salutatorian) - \$60
 - iv. Total Cost= \$560
 - b. Graduating Class of 2026 (Proposal)
 - i. Gold Tassels- 9 at \$10 each= \$90
 - ii. Silver Tassels- 8 at \$10 each= \$80
 - iii. Stole- 10 at \$11 each= \$110
 - iv. Plaques- Valedictorian and Salutatorian
 1. 2 at \$40 each= \$80
 - v. Medallions (Valedictorian and Salutatorian) - \$60
 - vi. Total= \$420
 - c. The numbers will fluctuate each year due to graduating numbers

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Two areas we will be focusing on for the next school year:

1. Replacing our graduation cap and gowns
2. Adding activity recognition for students with implementation of chords for the gowns

1. Replacement of graduation cap and gowns
 - a. The gowns that we have are approximately 18 years old.
 - i. Some are ripping, zippers are going bad
 - ii. We do spot cleaning every year, make repairs where we can
 - b. They are cleaned every 3-4 years.
 - c. Last time we had them cleaned the cost was \$1300, will be more now as it has been about 5 years since we last cleaned them
 - d. Replacement of gowns start at \$18 and move up from there. We would want a higher quality of gown to extend the years of service
 - e. Students do request, quite frequently, to keep their caps
2. Activity recognition with chords- Some Ideas
 - a. MHS- Blood Donation for last 4 years- Red Chord
 - b. Military Enlistment- Special chord (TBD)
 - c. FFA Participation for 4 years- Special Chord (TBD)
 - d. MHS Participation- Special Chord - Gold Chord
3. Change the deposit to \$40
 - a. Students get to keep their cap and get \$30 deposit back