

MADISON COUNTY SCHOOLS

MADISON CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

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Principal
Sean Brewer

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Dear Parents,

High school graduation is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Our seniors are very excited about the upcoming events and we want you to share in this with them. Enclosed you will find information that will be given to the seniors to help them have a successful finish to their high school career.

As the parent or guardian of one of our potential graduates, we need your help. In order to ensure that our graduation ceremony is dignified and proceeds in an orderly manner, we are requesting that the following guidelines be followed:

- 1) **Please help your student to adhere to the dress code for graduation.** Failure to comply with the dress code may result in your student being pulled from the line and not permitted to participate.
- 2) **The graduates need to be at the Coliseum by 10:00 a.m. and lined up by 10:45 a.m.** At this time, all parents and guests **MUST** be seated. It is very difficult for our teachers to get the students lined up properly if they are still visiting and taking pictures. All seating is on the upper levels. Only graduates and faculty members are seated on the floor. There is an elevator and the handicapped seating area is also upstairs.
- 3) All cell phones need to be turned off or silenced for the duration of the ceremony.
- 4) By order of the Hinds County Sheriff's Department, the possession and use of air horns, or any other artificial noisemakers is strictly prohibited. If you are found in possession of any item of this type, it will be confiscated and you will be subject to a \$250 fine. Any one discharging an air horn or other artificial noisemaker is subject to arrest for disorderly conduct.
- 5) Excessive celebration, including prolonged shouting and applause, is strongly discouraged. This is important, so that each child's name is heard. You can imagine how long it will take for us to call 400+ names if we have to wait for the crowd to be quiet.
- 6) Beach balls, balloons, or any other items that are tossed about will be confiscated. This applies to the guests **as well as to the graduates**. The Mississippi Coliseum does not allow any kind of balloons in the building, so please do not bring them to the graduation exercises.

Failure to abide by these regulations could result in your removal from the Coliseum. If it is determined that your graduate or his/her family or friends has violated these regulations, the diploma

will be held until Monday, May 20th, when the graduate will have to report to the school to pick it up.

Once the ceremony is over, your graduate **must return the gown to the Red Room**, near the High St. entrance of the Coliseum. They will be allowed to keep the cap, the tassel, and the stole. Once they have turned in their gown, they will be given their actual diploma. **All gowns must be returned before leaving the Coliseum.**

Please complete the bottom portion of this page and tear it off. Your student should bring it to school by Thursday, April 18th, and turn it in to the front office. **Your student will not be allowed to take any exams nor receive exam exemption until this form has been returned.**

Thank you for helping us to make this a dignified, memorable day for everyone.

Sincerely,

Sean Brewer
Principal

Cap and Gown Pickup will be Wednesday, May 15th from 9 to 11 a.m. at Madison Central.

Graduation Practice is Friday morning, May 17th, at 9:00 a.m. at the Mississippi Coliseum.



Date _____

We have read the guidelines for Madison Central High School's graduation exercises. We agree to abide by these rules and regulations. **Please return this form to the FRONT OFFICE by Thursday, April 18th, 2019.**

Student's Name (please print)

Parent's Name (please print)

Student's Signature

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