



**Fossil Ridge High School
Class of 2010**



Graduation Information

“What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.”

~Ralph Waldo Emerson

TRADITION AND PARTICIPATION

For most high school students, commencement exercises are the culminating experience of a long, sometimes difficult, but generally happy phase of their lives. Most students want and deserve a meaningful and dignified ceremony to commemorate this event.

While nearly all seniors are aware of the seriousness of graduation exercises, each of you should be equally aware that **the graduation ceremony is optional**. No one is obligated to participate. However, participation does imply acceptance of the standards set for behavior, appearance, and general decorum related to the particular activity. These standards then become an additional requirement for participation in the graduation ceremony. Any deviation from these standards will cause you to be denied participation in the graduation activities.

For parents, guardians and guests:

We look forward to sharing in this long-awaited day with you and your student. The faculty and staff have prepared a dignified and very meaningful ceremony in honor of this occasion and therefore ask you not to bring air horns, noise makers, beach balls, bells, whistles, etc. At other high school graduations, excessive noise and celebrating for one student has made it impossible for guests to hear the names of other students as they receive their diplomas. We ask your understanding of the solemnity of the occasion and the rights of all students to a dignified recognition.

Dierdre Cook/Principal

Scott Torvik/Assistant Principal

Brad Nye/Assistant Principal

Ken Denning/Assistant Principal/Athletic Director

Julie Edler/Dean

Ryan Wulff/Dean

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Senior Important Dates

Monday	April 26	Mandatory Senior/Parent Meeting Important graduation info will be discussed. Senior bulletin with dates, special instructions, Graduation Contract and Scholarship Breakfast invitation included.	7 - 8 pm in Auditorium
Friday	May 14	Awards Assembly (People's Choice Awards) Outstanding students will be recognized Parents are welcome to attend All students/staff will attend Check-out sheets will be handed out in Advisory on Friday, May 15.	During Advisory in Main Gym (1:20 - 2:50)
Tuesday - Wednesday	May 18, 19	Senior Finals	Final Schedule
Wednesday	May 19	Scholarship Breakfast	7 - 8:30 am in Commons Area
Wednesday	May 19	Last Day of Classes (full day) for Seniors & Senior Check-out	Check-out: 12:22-3:00 PM in Commons
Wednesday	May 19	Last Day of classes (full day) for Seniors & Senior Check-out	Check-out 12:22 - 3:00 PM in Commons
Thursday	May 20	Senior make-up exams	Arrange w/teacher
Friday	May 21	Commencement Practice Mandatory for all graduates wishing to participate in graduation ceremony. *Seniors will pick up caps and gown after practice north of Moby gym. Capping Ceremony Baccalaureate	May 21, 2010 Practice 11:45—1:45 @ Moby 6 - 7 pm in Auditorium 7 - 8 pm in Auditorium
Saturday	May 22	Commencement Ceremony Seniors will pick up diplomas after ceremony north of Moby gymnasium	5:30 pm at CSU-Moby Arena

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES FROM THE GRADUATION COMMITTEE

- ✓ This Bulletin has been prepared to answer questions that you and your parents may have regarding senior information and closing-activities. Read the bulletin carefully and retain this bulletin for future reference. If you have further questions regarding senior activities, check with a senior advisor, administrator, or the Student Services Department.
- ✓ Seniors who do not check out may not participate in the graduation ceremony. Seniors are to turn in paperwork for checkout on Wednesday, May 19 from 12:22 - 3:00 pm in the commons. Administrators, the registrar and the SRO and CSO will help seniors complete this task at that time.
- ✓ Caps and gowns will be distributed after the Graduation Practice on Friday, May 21st north of Moby Gymnasium. If you do not pick your cap and gown up at that time, you will have to do so **before** the day of graduation (in the front office). It is not our responsibility to transport caps and gowns to the graduation ceremony.
- ✓ There is no SAFE place at Moby Arena to leave coats, purses, etc. during graduation practice and the graduation ceremony. Therefore, we strongly suggest that you leave valuables, including keys, with your family members, friends or at home. Cell phone use will not be permitted during the ceremony. **Please turn off all phones** and stow them with your personal belongings. We **will not tolerate** any students on the floor using cell phones.
- ✓ Practice and the ceremony will begin on time. If you are not on time or are absent from practice, you will not participate. If you are inappropriately dressed for the graduation ceremony, you will not participate. For the graduation ceremony you will need to bring your cap, gown, tassel, medals, honor cords and stoles and nothing else!
- ✓ Handicap Parking: Located on the west side of Moby in front of the ticket office.
- ✓ Seating at Moby Arena is on a first come/first served basis. Please be advised, saving seats for friends and family members will not be allowed. Ushers will enforce this policy. Handicap seating is available. Unfortunately, only one family member is permitted to sit with the handicapped person. Hearing impaired seating is also available and is located in Section N. See enclosed map.
- ✓ If Moby would be evacuated for any reason, please talk with your family and meet at a designated location outside of Moby.
- ✓ Any air horns, beach balls, noise makers, cow bells, whistles, etc. will be confiscated and not returned. They are not appropriate for this solemn ceremony.
- ✓ During the graduation ceremony students will be handed a green diploma cover. The diploma **will not** be inside the cover at that time. All students are expected to pick up their diplomas at tables set up in the hallway right after marching out from the ceremony. Anyone not picking up their diploma will have to come to the front office of the school sometime after graduation to pick up their diploma.
- ✓ Once you have graduated from Fossil Ridge High School, you cannot return to the school during school hours unless you check in at the front office and state your reason for being on campus. This must be approved by the administration. You cannot just come to FRHS to hang out. You will be considered a trespasser.

**Thank you for your understanding and cooperation
in making your graduation a very special day.**

FRHS FINALS POLICY

- ◆ Students arriving after 10 minutes to a final will be marked absent as per FRHS attendance policy, and may not be admitted to the final, but may attend the final make-up on **Thursday, May 20**, in the morning and take their final for full credit. This is to ensure that the students in the final test session are not disturbed by late arrivals.
- ◆ Bring your DEAR book or something to work on in case you have time at the end of a final period, as you will not be permitted to leave early.
- ◆ If you miss a final, you must attend a **final make-up period on Thursday, May 20**, to receive credit, or you may earn a final score of 0% on that final. Please arrange this make-up time with your teacher(s).
- ◆ If you have an OFFICIAL pre-arranged absence through the office, you must arrange to do all finals that you will be absent for BEFORE your absence or you may earn a 0 on any final you miss.
- ◆ **MAKE SURE THAT YOU TAKE CARE OF YOUR GRADES!!!** It could mean the difference between graduating with your class or at a later date!

SENIOR CHECKOUT PROCESS

See all of your fourth quarter teachers for a signature.

- * The best time to do this is the last time you meet with that teacher for that class.
- * The day of your final in that class.

Have a staff member sign off on your check out sheet that your locker is empty and clean.

- * Custodians, teachers, secretaries, administrators or other staff members can sign your check out sheet for your locker.

If you do not have a Media Center stamp on your check out sheet, this means you owe the Media Center books and/or fines.

- * Please go to the Media Center to take care of this so they can stamp your check out sheet.

If you do not have a stamp on your check out sheet from the Campus Security Officer, this means you owe a fine for parking.

- * Please see Barb Ozee to take care of this so she can stamp your check out sheet.

If the Bookkeeper has not signed your check out sheet this means you owe books, fines or fees.

- * Please see the bookkeeper to take care of this so she can sign your check out sheet.

Completed check out sheets need to be turned into an administrator during the following time.

Wednesday, May 19 from 12:22 - 3:00 pm in the commons.

You must return all materials and pay all fines and fees in order to participate in graduation.

If you have anything outstanding, you must take care of that before you turn in your checkout sheet. We attempt to give you ample time to take care of the larger fines and fees. Notices, letters and phone calls home have been made regarding these fees. Hopefully when you check out you will only have to worry about turning in your semester 2 books and paying minimal fines/fees. If we do not receive your check out sheet, you cannot participate in graduation. It is very important that you take care of everything before you leave Fossil Ridge High School. Holds on your report cards and transcripts will remain if you do not take care of all your obligations. Keep in mind that if you had to pay for a book and it is later found or turned in, your parents will receive a refund. An inventory of all books will be done in the summer.

"Commit yourself to constant improvement."

GRADUATION APPAREL (CAPS, GOWNS, TASSELS, MEDALS, CORDS AND STOLES)

Important information and helpful tips

Caps

1. All caps are green.
2. The caps are delivered in a plastic bag along with the gown and tassel.
3. Caps should be placed on the head so that the mortarboard is level, with the long point of the crown to the back. The front point should be well down on the forehead. Do not tilt the cap backward or forward. Some students may need bobby pins to hold the cap in place.
4. Do not apply tape or any other material to caps or gowns.
5. Do not remove the caps during the graduation ceremony.

Gowns

1. All graduate gowns are green.
2. Gowns will be delivered, folded up in a plastic bag along with the cap and tassel. There will be noticeable wrinkles and creases in the gowns. Hanging the gown in a steaming room (the bathroom when the shower is running) often removes small wrinkles. You can also steam the gowns, but we don't suggest using an iron on them.

The Tassel

1. The tassels are black, green and silver.
2. The tassel is to be worn over the left temple.
3. Tassels should never be pinned or sewed; they should be permitted to hang naturally.
4. Each senior changes the tassel to the right side after the Class Guardian reads the charge to the class near the end of the graduation ceremony. You will be instructed to move your tassel from the left to the right. Wait for the announcement so that everyone is moving their tassel at the same time.

Honor Cords and Stoles

1. Students who qualify (cumulative GPA of 3.750 or higher) will be issued a silver honor cord to wear at the graduation ceremony. Valedictorians will be issued gold stoles and Salutatorians will be issued silver stoles. These cords and stoles are for the students to keep.
2. National Honor Society students will be issued a white stole to wear at the graduation ceremony. These stoles are for the students to keep.
3. National Technical Honor Society students will be issued an honor cord that is silver and purple to wear at the graduation ceremony. These cords are for the students to keep.

What to Wear Under the Gown

1. All seniors will wear green caps, green gowns and black, green and silver tassels.
2. Girls often wear just a simple light-weight dress or dressy pant suit and dress shoes. Do not wear tennis shoes, hiking boots, or casual sandals.
3. Boys need not wear coats under their gowns, but it is recommended that they wear light-colored dress shirts, ties, and dress slacks to complement the gown. Jeans are not to be worn. Do not wear knit sport shirts or tee shirts. Wear dress shoes and socks, not tennis shoes, hiking boots, or casual sandals.

**STUDENTS DRESSED INAPPROPRIATELY MAY BE DENIED
THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY.**

EXCUSED ABSENCES FROM EVENTS

Under extreme circumstances, a student may be excused from graduation practice. The only person who can excuse you is our Fossil Ridge High School principal, Dr. Cook. Absences must be arranged **in advance**. If you do not show up for graduation practice, it is assumed that you do not plan to participate at all. If this is this case, please be courteous and let Dr. Cook know ahead of time so that we can adjust our seating chart. If you come to graduation, but failed to attend practice, you will not be allowed to participate. Excuses after the fact will not be accepted.

"To accomplish great things, we must dream as well as act." Anatole France

MARCHING ORDER

The graduation marching order and seat assignments will be posted at Fossil Ridge High School in the commons before graduation practice. We will make announcements to inform you of when this diagram and/or list will be posted. There will be sixteen rows of students (dressed in green gowns), one row for each advisory class, and two rows of staff members (dressed in black gowns) located in the back. The rows will be straight and separated in the middle to provide an aisle. Each row is divided into a left and right section with a junior escort (dressed in a silver gown) on the outside of the row and the senior advisor and another staff member (dressed in a black gown) on the inside of the row. Be sure to note your row number, right or left side of the aisle as you face the stage and who will march in front of you as well as behind you. Each advisory class will march in alphabetical order with the exception of the senior class officers. Students who do not have an advisory class should check the posted seating chart for their seat assignment. Please check in with your advisor when you arrive to the practices and the ceremony as attendance is mandatory.

The marching order will be the following:

1. Administration
2. Class of 2010 President and Vice President
3. 2010 Class Guardian
4. Class of 2010 Class Officers
5. Staff assigned to Diploma table
6. Advisory classes led by a junior escort and followed by the senior advisor and a junior advisor.
7. The rest of the staff members

Note: Your name will be read during the ceremony exactly as it appears on the marching list. If you want a different name announced, you must tell the reader at practice. Please do not wear your cap and gown for any of the practices.

"All that stands between the graduate and the top of the ladder is the ladder."