



MARIE L. HARE HIGH SCHOOL
 GARDEN GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
 12012 S. MAGNOLIA, GG 92841 - 714.663.6508



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Dear Senior Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

On behalf of Hare High School, we congratulate you on having a potential graduating senior in our Class of 2026. We hope to make year-end festivities for our graduates and their families as special and memorable as possible. This information regarding upcoming events, as well as some necessary requirements and instructions, should be helpful as you plan family celebrations. Should you have any questions about graduation fees or need financial assistance please contact our school office team at 714-663-6508. Once again, congratulations and best wishes from Hare High School.

To participate in the senior graduation festivities, each senior will pay a graduation fee, payable by cash only in the school office. Grad Night will be a separate cost as event tickets are limited. Please see the attached order form for package Graduation and Grad Night with purchase deadlines. *Refunds can only be issued if the cap and gown package is not opened.* Students who purchased a cap and gown from a previous school may request a reimbursement; contact the school office for assistance.

Event	Day/Time	Description
Cap and Gown Purchase	Sales begin Monday, April 20, 2026	See the separate form for purchasing deadlines. Cap and gowns will be distributed upon purchase and receipt from the vendor.
Senior Finals	Thursday & Friday May 21-22, 2026	All work and credits must be completed by Thursday, May 28 to earn a diploma. To walk in the ceremony, all credits and hours/Saturday Schools owed need to be completed/earned by Tuesday, May 26, 2026. (*teacher deadlines may differ)
Senior Materials Return	Monday, May 18 through Friday, May 22 Before school & after school	Materials return day for seniors will be in the office - see Ms. Jean (chromebooks, chargers, & textbooks)
Graduation Breakfast	Tuesday, May 26 @ 9:00-9:30 AM	Report to the MPR for graduation breakfast before practice starts.
Grad Walk @ Zeyen & Graduation Practice	Tuesday, May 26 @ 9:30-12:00 PM	Graduation walk celebration at Zeyen followed by graduation practice. (All graduating seniors must attend graduation practice.) - Bring water!
Graduation Day	Wednesday, May 27 @ 6:00 PM	All graduating seniors are to report to Building M by 5:15 PM to receive name cards, regalia, and to line-up. The ceremony will begin promptly at 6:00 PM.
Diploma Distribution	Thursday or Friday, May 28-29 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM OR 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Graduates will come to the school office to pick up their diplomas. (If 18, you must be present to sign or send your parent/guardian with consent to pick up on your behalf) All materials must be returned and fines or fees cleared to receive the diploma.
Grad Night Boomers, Irvine CA	Friday, May 8, 3:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Cost: \$50 Limited tickets Bus transportation included *Seniors may bring a guest



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GRADUATION DAY

Things to remember for graduation day

- Bring the graduation cap with tassel (decoration free) & gowns; stoles will be distributed upon arrival.
- Leis, flowers or corsages may be worn only after the ceremony.
- Cultural stoles may be worn during the ceremony. Entire flags may not be worn. When in doubt, ask.
- No bullhorns or noisemakers.
- Leave valuables in the car or at home.
- There are no seating preferences; seating is “first-come, first-serve”. Arrive early for preferred seating.
- Tie all balloons to the fences or walls before sitting so as not to obstruct the view.

Acceptable Attire for Graduation

- **Appropriate dress items:**
 - **Bottoms:** Dress slacks, full-length pants, dress, or skirt that covers all body parts considered to be private.
 - **Tops:** A blouse, collared dress shirt, tie, polo shirt.
 - **Footwear:** Dress shoes, dress sandals (low heels are best), dress shoes and socks.
- **Inappropriate dress items:**
 - Shorts, flip-flops, beach sandals, tank-tops, tennis shoes, tops or bottoms that expose undergarments.

****We recommend that you not wear heels as your will be walking on grass and your heel may sink/get stuck. Avoid wearing jackets under your graduation gown as the weather may be too hot.***

SPECIAL NOTE

This time of year brings a sense of excitement for upcoming graduation activities. It is a privilege to participate in graduation and all the related activities. Graduation day is intended to celebrate your accomplishments and we want each of you to stand proud on May 27.

Participation in the graduation ceremony is not granted solely by the completion of diploma course requirements. Any senior is subject to being restricted from participation in end of year activities and/or the graduation ceremony due to poor decision making or through conduct unbecoming of a Hare student. Thus, all seniors are expected to demonstrate responsible decision making including **taking responsibility for tardiness and truancy by serving all Saturday Schools or detention hours owed from missed classes**. Additionally, all seniors are expected to maintain academic standards for all classes regardless of the course credit's bearing on completing graduation requirements. This means that even if you don't need the class to graduate, you are expected to pass the class.

Please do not risk your participation by making poor decisions in the weeks ahead. Hare High School administration has the responsibility and discretion to determine students' participation in the class of 2026 graduation ceremony. Parents, please have several conversations with your senior student about continuing to meet both academic and behavior expectations in their final weeks of high school.

We want all Hare seniors who have earned their diploma to walk during graduation.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Machado