

Malibu High School - Hints for Seniors

Pass your classes. No student can receive a diploma, or participate in graduation, until all requirements have been met. There are no exceptions. Make sure you are communicating with your teachers on a daily basis about what you are expected to complete in order to pass each of your classes. Do not let there be any unexpected surprises. Contact your counselor to make sure you are in a position to meet all the requirements. If you have been accepted to a college or university, make sure you do what is necessary to keep your acceptance intact – typically earning grades of C or higher in all classes is sufficient.

Attend class every day on time, and fully participate. Students who have exceeded the 15-day senior attendance requirement will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony unless hours have been made up. Attend all your classes every day, every period. It is particularly important that all seniors are mindful when missing periods during the school day. Periods add up to full day absences very quickly. Students approaching or exceeding 15 days have been sent letters home informing them of their status. Do not remove yourself from the graduation ceremony because of your attendance. See Mr. Wenker if you have questions regarding your attendance.

All of your teachers want you to be successful and want to make sure you graduate. By arriving to class on time, participating, and doing what is expected of you each day you are showing your teachers you are committed to being successful. Do not give your teachers any reason not to pass you.

Take care of all obligations. We need every senior to clear all academic, textbook, library, community service, attendance hours, and financial obligations. By clearing your obligations you are ensuring that we have the resources we need for the new class of students. Furthermore, clearing your obligations is a way to bring closure to this phase of your education and gives you the closure you need to move to the next phase. Students who do not clear their obligations will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony. In addition, students who do not clear their obligations will not receive their diploma or any needed transcripts until all obligations are cleared.

Make good decisions and choices. We expect our seniors to be leaders at MHS. You are a MHS student until graduation is over. Do not do anything that might jeopardize your opportunity to participate in graduation, attend Grad Night or receive your diploma. The school has the right and responsibility to determine who participates in all school activities including graduation. Failing to go to class, failing to clear obligations, fighting, pranks, tardiness, poor attendance and suspensions are all examples of things that may require that we deny a senior an opportunity to participate in graduation, Grad Night and/or receive a diploma. Lastly, being under the influence of alcohol or any other substance that alters judgment and behavior are not allowed at any school function. The school reserves the right to deny participation to any senior who we determine is under the influence. We hope that students do not make any foolish choices, and we certainly do not want to deny students any opportunity to graduate and receive a diploma -- but we will if we must!

Know your finals and senior week schedules. You will be given important dates and times that all seniors must follow that fulfills your attendance obligation for the last week of school. If necessary, please make appropriate arrangements now with your family, job, or other commitments so that you can adhere to the schedule for finals week and senior week.

Thank important people. We encourage each senior to reflect on your schooling and take time to write a letter, note, story, poem -- or whatever works for you -- to a teacher who has made a difference in your life. Also, take time to thank those who are your parents in your life. You did not make this journey alone and at this time of the year all of the people who were part of your journey are thinking about you and wishing you well. Know that they are proud of you and want all your dreams to come true. Show at least one of them that they were important to you.