

DeSoto Central High School
Senior Meeting
March 31, 2021

March 31	Senior meeting in the gym students: A-M- 10:15 N-Z 10:45
April 7	MS Scholars Interests due to Mrs. McNeil
April 8	Senior invitations delivery
April 10	Prom at “The Columns” 8:00 – 11:00
April 12-16	Filming of senior video clips (Jag TV)
April 16	MS Scholars Community Service Log Sheets due to Mrs. McNeil
April 16	Deadline to submit pictures for the Senior Video
April 16	Scholarship Report due to Mrs. McNeil
April 23	Permission slips due
April 28	Senior Recognition Ceremonies in the Gym <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8:45 Graduates of Distinction• 10:25 Graduates of Special Distinction and Hall of Fame
May 7	Exit Form and Final Transcript Form due to Mrs. McNeil
May 11	Signing Day – College & Military
May 13	Senior Breakfast in cafeteria: 8:45 and 10:15
May 14	Senior Field Day 9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. (DCHS Track)
May 17	Senior Exams (1 st and 2 nd block)
May 18	Senior Exams (3 rd and 4 th block)
May 18	Cap and Gown Pick-Up in the commons <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last names A-H 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.• Last names I – P 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.• Last names Q-Z 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
May 20	Graduation Practice 1:00 at the Landers Center
May 23	Graduation Ceremony – 3:00 p.m. at the Landers Center

April 12-16 (Video Clips)

- Students will be able to film a 20-second video clip for the senior video. Solo or with friends.

April 28 (Senior Recognition) GYM

- Graduates of Distinction will report to the cafeteria at the beginning of 1st block.
- Hall of Fame and Graduates of Special Distinction report to the cafeteria at the beginning of 2nd block.
- Students are encouraged to “dress up” for this program.

May 13 (Senior Breakfast – Cafeteria)

- School rules - Dress code, behavior, etc.
- Breakfast and a speaker.
- Senior Breakfast will be for seniors only.

May 14 (Senior Field Day)

- Seniors must have a signed permission form on file in advance. **Parent letter and FAQ
- Females: no bikini attire and no white t-shirts. Acceptable: other t-shirts, athletic shorts, caps, sunscreen
- Males: must wear shirts. Acceptable attire: t-shirts, athletic shorts, caps, sunscreen, swim trunks
- Students will park in the student parking lot and enter through the football ticket gate
- Restricted items: water balloons, outside beverages (regular school rules apply)

May 17 and 18 (Senior Exams)

- A senior can take all their exams on May 17th if he/she has an 80-overall average in that class. If the senior does not have an 80-overall average, he/she must take the exam at the scheduled time.
- No other exams will be given early unless a student is on “school business”.
- If a senior needs to return to campus after May 19th, he/she will need to sign in as a visitor.
- If a senior is exempt: their last day will be May 14 (field day).
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May 18 (Cap and gown pick-up) **Times listed on front page

- You can park in the front parking lot.
- You will use the front doors and tables will be set up in the commons.
- You will need to leave campus after you pick up your cap and gown.
- You only need to come on campus during your pick-up time.

May 20 (Graduation Practice)

- Everyone should be seated in the Landers Center by 12:45 p.m. Practice start at 1:00 p.m.
- If you are late to graduation practice, you will be moved to the end of the line.
- School rules will apply regarding dress code (no pajama pants).
- No hats, caps, bandannas, or other head coverings.
- No small children allowed. No visitors, however, parents can attend.
- Turn your cell phones off and come prepared to pay attention.
- **Graduation practice is mandatory. If you do not attend the graduation practice, you will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.**

May 23 (Graduation)

- Seniors need to be in the meeting room by the west entrance by 1:30 p.m.
- Parents are not allowed in the meeting area. All pictures by parents must be made before 1:30 p.m.
- Turn your cell phones off.
- Encourage your friends and family to be seated in the arena by 2:00 p.m. The Senior Video will be shown at 2:00.
- Seniors must be on their best behavior during graduation. If a student misbehaves, he/she will be removed from the ceremony, will not receive a diploma after graduation, will not receive any recommendation letters from DeSoto Central High School, and the transcript will not be signed until discipline is completed.
**10 days ALC during the summer = 75 hours

**DeSoto Central High School
Attire for Graduation
May 23, 2021**

At DeSoto Central High School, our graduation ceremony is a distinguished event. In order to participate in the graduation ceremony, seniors must comply with the following dress code.

Female Graduates

1. Female graduates should wear black bottoms, i.e. capris, pants, gauchos, skirts.
2. Female graduates should wear a light top.
3. Female graduates should wear dark shoes (No flip flops, Crocs, casual sandals, or combat boots).
4. Dresses may be worn, preferably following the color scheme, but as long as the dress doesn't show from under the gown, and it is dress code appropriate, it will be allowed.

Male Graduates

1. Male graduates should wear a white dress shirt.
2. Male graduates should wear navy blue or black pants (No shorts or capris)
3. Male graduates should wear black or brown dress shoes (No Crocs, flip flops, cowboy boots, sandals, or combat boots).

VERY IMPORTANT

- All attire should follow the DeSoto County Schools dress code policy.
- If a female student does not have the proper clothes for graduation, she should contact Ms. Benson by May 7th.
- If a male student does not have the proper clothes for graduation, he should contact Mr. Johnston by May 7th.

DeSoto Central High School
Senior Field Day
May 14, 2021

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: What time does Senior Field Day begin and end?

Answer: It begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 11:45 a.m.

Question: Do seniors report to class before Senior Field Day?

Answer: No. Seniors report to the football stadium entrance at 9:00 a.m..

Question: What happens if I don't turn in a permission form?

Answer: You can attend the event, but you won't be able to participate in any physical activity.

Question: What time can I leave?

Answer: You can leave at 11:30.

Question: If I attend Senior Field day, am I excused from all of my classes?

Answer: Yes. You can leave campus at 11:30, and you will be marked present in all of your classes (1st – 4th block).

Question: Will food and drinks be provided?

Answer: Yes. Students will be provided with a bottled water and pizza.

Question: Can we bring electronic equipment?

Answer: Your electronic equipment will not be confiscated, but it could get wet and/or damaged.

Question: Can we bring water balloons and/or water guns?

Answer: No. Water balloons and water guns are not allowed. You might want to bring a lawn chair.

Question: What is the dress code for guys?

Answer: Guys must wear shirts. Acceptable attire: t-shirts, tank tops, athletic shorts, swim trunks, caps, sunscreen

Question: What is the dress code for girls?

Answer: Girls cannot wear bikini attire or white t-shirts. Acceptable: other t-shirts, tank tops, athletic shorts, caps, sunscreen

Question: Is the length of shorts going to be an issue for girls?

Answer: No. Just use good judgment.

March 31, 2021

Dear Parent:

On May 14th, DeSoto Central High School will host a Senior Field Day event that will be open only to members of the DeSoto Central Class of 2021. At this event, seniors will have an opportunity to participate in several activities including inflatable slides, water slides, a rock-climbing wall, and other games.

This event will take place from 9:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. at the DeSoto Central High School track. Our seniors will be excused from classes all day, and we will also serve lunch to our seniors during the event. This event is voluntary for our seniors. Seniors don't have to attend Senior Field Day.

We will have school officials on duty at this event, but seniors will be participating in events that involve physical activity. In order for your child to participate in the activities, we will need you to sign the permission slip below. Your child must return this permission slip to the main office by 3:45 on Friday, April 23rd.

Sincerely,

Cliff Johnston
Principal
DeSoto Central High School

PERMISSION SLIP/RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM

By signing this permission slip/release of liability, I, as parent/legal guardian, give permission for my child to participate in the 2019 DeSoto Central High School Senior Field Day event. I, as parent/legal guardian, hereby waive any and all claims for damages of any kind against DeSoto County Schools, the employees of DeSoto County Schools, and further agree to hold harmless the DeSoto County Schools and its employees from and against any loss, claim, damage or liabilities that may arise out of, or related to, the 2021 DeSoto Central High School Senior Field Day event. I waive liability from injuries, faults, and any other emergency situations that may arise during my child's participation in the 2021 DeSoto Central High School Senior Field Day event. By signing I waive all rights, claims and other legal actions.

Student's Name

Parent/legal Guardian Signature

Date

Are you interested in being a
Mississippi Scholar?

Requirements:

30 hours of documented community/volunteer service
(during high school)

18 ACT composite score (last ACT score accepted is
February 2021)

2.5 cumulative high school GPA

95% school attendance during high school

Little/no disciplinary action

No out-of-school suspensions

Fulfill Mississippi Scholar curriculum (will be verified by
Mrs. McNeil)

While this is **not** a scholarship, this is a great opportunity and looks
fabulous on your high school resume!

Please let Mrs. McNeil know by Wednesday, April 7, if you are
interested!

Senior Exit Form & Final Transcript Submission

This form must be returned to the Counseling Office by **Friday, May 7th**, or you will not be cleared to pick up your cap and gown.

Name _____

After graduation, I am planning to:

_____ Work full time (not attend college)

_____ Join the military

If so, what branch? _____

_____ Attend college

If so, what school? _____

Are you an athlete registered with the NCAA Clearinghouse? Yes No

Have you been admitted to NWCC School of Nursing? Yes No

If you took ANY dual enrollment courses in high school, you will need to have a transcript sent directly from that school (NWCC, DSU, etc.) to the college you will be attending.

Mrs. McNeil will send your final transcript to the above college approximately a week after graduation.
After that, all transcripts must be requested through the district website.

Return to Mrs. McNeil by Friday, May 7th.