



OHS Commencement Date



Current Practice

- Commencement is held the weekend after Memorial Day (since 2012)
- Seniors' last day is the Thursday of the 3rd full week of May (since 2018)
- This has resulted in a span of 10-17 days between seniors' last day and their Commencement
 - Creates a lack of urgency for seniors needing to complete work to earn credit
 - Contributes to confusion for both students and teachers
 - We have a Senior Status Process in place to monitor and motivate
 - Is anticlimactic for seniors
 - Build up of "last week" events (Skip Day, Senior Service Project, Senior Honors Night, Seniors' Last Day) and then . . . wait 10-17 days before walking across the stage
 - Delays post-graduation planning (open houses, travel)

Current Model Dates

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	Year	AP Testing Begins	Seniors' Last Day	Full Week of May	Memorial Day	Commencement	Span since Last Day
2	2016	5/2	5/26	4th	5/30	6/5	10 Days
3	2017	5/1	5/25	4th	5/29	6/4	10 Days
4	2018	5/7	5/24	3rd	5/28	6/3	10 Days
5	2019	5/6	5/23	3rd	5/27	6/2	10 Days
6	2020	5/4	COVID	NA	5/25	COVID	NA
7	2021	5/3	5/20	3rd	5/31	6/6	17 Days
8	2022	5/2	5/19	3rd	5/30	6/5	17 Days
9	2023	5/1	5/18	3rd	5/29	6/4	17 Days
10	2024	5/6	5/23	3rd	5/27	6/2	10 Days
11	2025	5/5	5/22	3rd	5/26	6/1	10 Days
12	2026	5/4	5/21	3rd	5/25	5/31	10 Days
13	2027	5/3	5/20	3rd	5/31	6/6	17 Days
14	2028	5/1	5/18	3rd	5/29	6/4	17 Days
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Proposed Flexible Model Dates

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	Year	AP Testing Begins	Seniors' Last Day	Full Week of May	Memorial Day	Commencement	Span since Last Day
2	2023	5/1	5/18	3rd	5/29	5/21	3 Days
3	2024	5/6	5/30	4th	5/27	6/2	3 Days
4	2025	5/5	5/29	4th	5/26	6/1	3 Days
5	2026	5/4	5/28	4th	5/25	5/31	3 Days
6	2027	5/3	5/20	3rd	5/31	5/23	3 Days
7	2028	5/1	5/18	3rd	5/29	5/21	3 Days
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Advanced Placement Testing

- National testing window set by the College Board
- Always the first two full weeks of May
- Late testing takes place the 3rd week of May

2023 AP Testing	
# of Exams*	# of Seniors taking (160)
1	43
2	43
3	32
4	28
5	11
6	3

Seniors Requiring Late AP Testing	
Year	# of Seniors
2018	6
2019	2
2020	NA
2021	3
2022	1

*may be taking exams for which they are not in a class at OHS

Senior Status Process

- Purpose: To ensure direct communication (email, phone, in-person) occurs with students who may be in danger of not graduating and their parents/guardians; to document the exact steps to complete course requirements and earn credit
- Step 1: Due April 14, 2023
 - Registrar & Counselors provide a list of seniors in danger of failing to teachers (April 11th)
 - Teachers communicate with student and parents/guardians (by April 14th)
- Step 2: Due May 5, 2023
 - Teachers update list
 - Teachers and counselors follow up with seniors still in danger of failing and parents/guardians
- Step 3: Due May 17, 2023
 - Teachers update list
 - Counselors notify seniors who have failed to earn credit they are not eligible for Commencement and offer alternative credit options for a late graduation

What would you do with an extra 10-17 days?

- Some students *have* used those extra days to complete requirements
 - It is more difficult to try to work with such students since they do not continue to attend school
 - Teachers are sometimes unsure if they should accept that late work
 - Students will still turn in work the Friday before Commencement
 - Undermines the purpose and timeline of our Senior Status Process
- Most students who do not participate in Commencement still graduate
- Many return or enroll in Graduation Alliance
 - Are welcome to participate in Commencement when requirements are met
 - Most choose not to attend

Seniors who did not graduate on time

Year	Span	N	Since Graduated	5th/6th year student (OHS or Graduation Alliance)
2015	10 days	7	7	NA
2016	10 days	5	2	NA
2017	10 days	7	4	NA
2018	10 days	2	2	NA
2019	10 days	10	7	NA
2020	NA	7	5	NA
2021	17 days	16	10	3-GA
2022	17 days	17	1	6-OHS; 7-GA

Using a flexible model with a 3 day span will

- Not interfere with AP testing
- Support our Senior Status Process with a firm deadline
- Increase the excitement and reward for our graduating seniors
- Avoid holding Commencement on Memorial Day weekend
- Provide more opportunities for Senior Open Houses
- Provide additional travel time for students with family overseas

Did not graduate on time prior to 2012

Year	N	Since Graduated
2011*	17	5
2010	21	10
2009	7	1
2008	10	2
2007	12	5
2006	5	4

*Michigan Merit Curriculum effective with Class of 2011

3 Day Span Model

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2	2016	5/2	5/26	4th	5/30	5/29	3 Days	Would have been held on Memorial Day Weekend
3	2017	5/1	5/25	4th	5/29	5/28	3 Days	Last year seniors stayed an additional week-Would have been held on Memorial Day Weekend
4	2018	5/7	5/24	4th	5/28	5/27	3 Days	First year of seniors being dismissed the week after AP testing ends-Would have been held on Memorial Day Weekend
5	2019	5/6	5/23	4th	5/27	5/26	3 Days	Would have been held on Memorial Day Weekend
6	2020	5/4	COVID	NA	5/25	COVID	NA	
7	2021	5/3	5/20	3rd	5/31	5/23	3 Days	
8	2022	5/2	5/19	3rd	5/30	5/22	3 Days	
9	2023	5/1	5/18	3rd	5/29	5/21	3 Days	
10	2024	5/6	5/23	3rd	5/27	5/26	3 Days	Would be on held on Memorial Day Weekend
11	2025	5/5	5/22	3rd	5/26	5/25	3 Days	Would be on held on Memorial Day Weekend
12	2026	5/4	5/21	3rd	5/25	5/24	3 Days	Would be on held on Memorial Day Weekend
13	2027	5/3	5/20	3rd	5/31	5/23	3 Days	
14	2028	5/1	5/18	3rd	5/29	5/21	3 Days	
15								*assumes dismissal in 3rd full week of May
16								*Still run into Memorial Day Weekend

Add a Week for Seniors

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3	2017	5/1	5/25	4th	5/29	5/28	3 Days	Last year seniors stayed an additional week-Would have been held on Memorial Day Weekend
4	2018	5/7	5/31	4th	5/28	6/3	3 Days	
5	2019	5/6	5/30	4th	5/27	6/2	3 Days	
6	2020	5/4	COVID	NA	5/25	COVID	NA	
7	2021	5/3	5/27	4th	5/31	5/30	3 Days	Would have been held on Memorial Day Weekend
8	2022	5/2	5/26	4th	5/30	5/29	3 Days	Would have been held on Memorial Day Weekend
9	2023	5/1	5/25	4th	5/29	5/28	3 Days	Would be held on Memorial Day Weekend
10	2024	5/6	5/30	4th	5/27	6/2	3 Days	
11	2025	5/5	5/29	4th	5/26	6/1	3 Days	
12	2026	5/4	5/28	4th	5/25	5/31	3 Days	
13	2027	5/3	5/27	4th	5/31	5/30	3 Days	Would be held on Memorial Day Weekend
14	2028	5/1	5/25	4th	5/29	5/28	3 Days	Would be held on Memorial Day Weekend
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16								*assumes dismissal in 4th full week of May
17								*still run into Memorial Day Weekend
18								*holds seniors here longer after AP classes are over

Sunday Prior to Memorial Day

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2	2016	5/2	5/19	3rd	5/30	5/22	3 Days	
3	2017	5/1	5/18	3rd	5/29	5/21	3 Days	
4	2018	5/7	5/17	2nd	5/28	5/20	3 Days	Seniors' last week would have been the 2nd week of AP testing
5	2019	5/6	5/16	2nd	5/27	5/19	3 Days	Seniors' last week would have been the 2nd week of AP testing
6	2020	5/4	COVID	NA	5/25	COVID	NA	
7	2021	5/3	5/20	3rd	5/31	5/23	3 Days	
8	2022	5/2	5/19	3rd	5/30	5/22	3 Days	
9	2023	5/1	5/18	3rd	5/29	5/21	3 Days	
10	2024	5/6	5/16	2nd	5/27	5/19	3 Days	Seniors' last week would be the 2nd week of AP testing
11	2025	5/5	5/15	2nd	5/26	5/18	3 Days	Seniors' last week would be the 2nd week of AP testing
12	2026	5/4	5/14	2nd	5/25	5/17	3 Days	Seniors' last week would be the 2nd week of AP testing
13	2027	5/3	5/20	3rd	5/31	5/23	3 Days	
14	2028	5/1	5/18	3rd	5/29	5/21	3 Days	
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16								*Conflicts with AP testing
17								*would lose traditional Senior Skip Day when it falls on Memorial Day (prior Friday?)

Dismissal Memorial Day Week

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	Year	AP Testing Begins	Seniors' Last Day	Full Week of May	Memorial Day	Commencement	Span since Last Day
2	2023	5/1	6/1	(5th)	5/29	6/4	3 Days
3	2024	5/6	5/30	4th	5/27	6/2	3 Days
4	2025	5/5	5/29	4th	5/26	6/1	3 Days
5	2026	5/4	5/28	4th	5/25	5/31	3 Days
6	2027	5/3	6/3	(5th)	5/31	6/6	3 Days
7	2028	5/1	6/1	(5th)	5/29	6/4	3 Days
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