



2026

GRADUATION

HANDBOOK

CLASS OF 2026

Memorial Composite High School welcomes the Class of 2026 to a new and (for most) final school year. Regular "Graduation Updates" will be communicated via the school website, the Memorial Memo Newsletter, daily school announcements and the Grade 12 Google Classroom. The Graduation display case is located just outside the Textbook Depository, where information and Grad lists will be posted. Grade 12 students and parents/guardians are responsible for keeping themselves informed about all Graduation details.

We have included important information and dates in this handbook; therefore, please read it carefully and familiarize yourself with its contents. Following the publication of this document, any updates will be posted on the school website. Please check there for the latest information.

GRADUATION FEE

Students can choose one of the following non-refundable Graduation Fee Options. If you wish to participate in the Graduation Ceremony you must choose Option A or B.

Grad fees cover the cost of items in the Option Packages. Further payment information follows.

	A \$62	B \$32	C \$30	D \$0
Grad Ceremony	✓	✓	✗	✗
Grad Cap, Tassel & Diploma Cover	✓	✓	✗	✗
Grad Photo Session (Lifetouch packages purchased separately)	✓	✗*	✓	✗*
School Awarded Certificate	✓	✓	✗	✗

*Please have a single Yearbook photo taken by Lifetouch in January at no additional cost so the graduate's photo may be included in the Yearbook, Class Composite, and Grad Ceremony slideshow. Appointment not required - photographers will fit grads in as available.

PAYMENT INFO

Payment must be received prior to the Grad Photo Session or the session time will be canceled. If you haven't already done so, please complete the [Graduation Registration Form](#) on the last page and submit it along with your payment to the Finance Office. Deadline for Grad registration and your applicable Option fee is *December 5, 2025*. Payment can be made online through the PowerSchool Parent Portal or by cash, credit card or cheque payable to Parkland School Division at the School Finance Office. CFL graduates will have to pay the Grad Fee at MCHS as it can not be added to a CFL PowerSchool Parent Portal.

GRADUATION PHOTOS

Portrait session bookings will start on December 12, 2025 @ 9:00 am with the online Appointment Plus program. Grad Fees must be paid prior to the booking.

Scheduled portrait sessions will be cancelled if the Graduation fee has not been paid.

Photos will be taken during the week of January 23 to January 29, 2026. Proofs will be mailed to the student's home address in approximately 3 - 4 weeks.

Graduation portraits can be ordered in three ways, online (shop.lifetouchprestige.ca), by phone (1-888-676-1647) or you can set up an appointment with a representative at the Lifetouch studio in the west end of Edmonton (18124-102 Ave, 780-437-2431). You are welcome to take your portrait package to the studio to place an order or ask any questions.

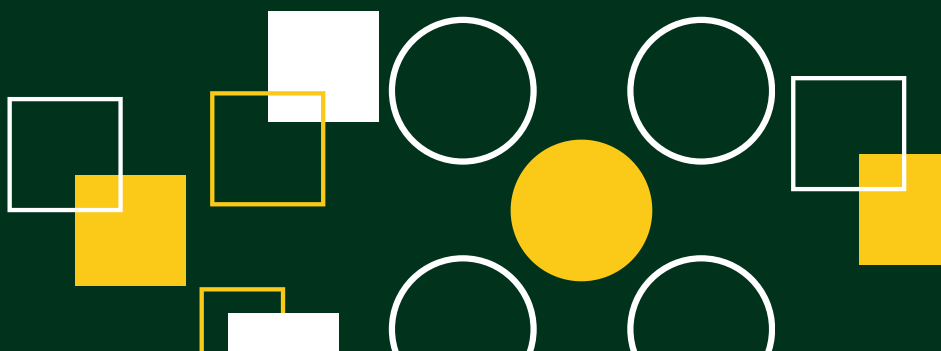
Retakes will take place March 2 to 5, 2026. Appointment Plus will be open for retake bookings on February 13, 2026 @ 9:00 am. Proofs from the first photo session must be handed in at the time of retakes or a fee of \$30.00 for the second set will be imposed by Lifetouch. The fee is payable directly to the photographer at the retake session.

Students choosing to have their graduation photos taken elsewhere are required to have a photo taken by Lifetouch in order for their Grad picture to be included in the Class Composite, Yearbook (Payment option B) and the Grad slideshow at the Ceremony. No appointment is required for a Yearbook Photo and students will be seen by the first available Lifetouch photographer.

Students who want a casual photo with a pet must schedule an appointment for their portrait session to be taken at the Lifetouch Studio (780-437-2431). Grad Fees must be paid prior to the booking.

Students not meeting the Alberta High School Diploma, Certificate of High School Achievement or High School Completion (LAWS) requirements to graduate will not be eligible to have their Graduation photo on the Class of 2026 Composite. Eligibility will be determined once the Alberta High School Diploma and Certificate of High School Achievement are awarded by Alberta Education.

**Please refer to
Memorial's website
and monthly
newsletter for
ongoing updates.**





JOSTENS CLASS RINGS & GRADUATION KEEPSAKES

Jostens will be in the Common Area on September 18 and 19, 2025 and February 18 & 19, 2026 from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm to assist you with an order or answer any questions.

At the ceremony, graduating students will proceed across the stage in their chosen ceremony attire. Families who wish to have their child wear a graduation style gown at the Ceremony are responsible for obtaining their own.

Memorial's Jostens representative is Angela Moore and she can be contacted via email @ angela.moore@jostens.com For general inquiries please call (1-844-750-9050) or [Click Here](#) for the direct link to view Jostens website.

GRADUATION CEREMONY

This year's ceremony will take place on **Friday, June 26, 2026** at the Edmonton Expo Centre in Edmonton. Program start time at 2:00 pm with **an approximate duration of 2.5 hrs.**

To participate in the Graduation Ceremony, students must have met the criteria for graduation (see the following pages for criteria).



Graduating students will proceed across the stage in their chosen Ceremony attire, and receive a keepsake cap, diploma cover and school awarded certificate. **Please note: This is not a Cap and Gown Ceremony.**

The Ceremony is open to all students from the Class of 2026, however only the students meeting Graduation eligibility requirements are permitted to walk across the stage.

CEREMONY TICKET SALES

Information about Grad 2026 tickets, along with the links to purchase them online, will be posted on the MCHS Graduation Page as soon as they become available towards the end of May 2026.

Online ticket sales run from June 2, 2026 to June 21, 2026. The prices and number of tickets per graduate are to be determined.



CRITERIA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY

Students are responsible for ensuring they meet the requirements to graduate. Please book an appointment with your Grade 12 Counsellor Ms. Small or your Grade Administrator Mr. Coghill, if you're unsure about meeting the following:

ALBERTA HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS 100 CREDITS

Including the following:

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS – 30 LEVEL

(English Language Arts 30-1 or 30-2)

SOCIAL STUDIES – 30 LEVEL

(Social Studies 30-1 or 30-2)

MATHEMATICS – 20 LEVEL

(Math 20-1, Math 20-2, or Math 20-3)

SCIENCE – 20 LEVEL

(Science 20, Science 24, Biology 20, Chemistry 20 or Physics 20)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION 10 (3 credits)

CAREER AND LIFE MANAGEMENT (CALM) (3 credits)

10 CREDITS IN ANY COMBINATION FROM:

- Career and Technology Studies (CTS)
- Fine Arts
- Second Languages
- Physical Education 20 and/or 30
- Locally developed/acquired and locally authorized courses in CTS,
- Fine Arts, Second Languages, or KAE
- Registered Apprenticeship Program

10 CREDITS IN ANY 30-LEVEL COURSE

(In addition to 30-level English and 30-level Social Studies course)

NOTE: 30-level English or 30-level Social Studies courses from a different course sequence **cannot be used** to meet the 30-level course requirement.

- 30-level Locally Developed/Acquired and Locally Authorized Courses
- 3000 series (advanced level) in CTS courses
- 35-level Work Experience
- 35-level Registered Apprenticeship Program
- 30-level Green Certificate Specialization
- 30-level (KAE) course

CERTIFICATE OF HIGH SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT REQUIREMENTS KNOWLEDGE AND EMPLOYABILITY (KAE)

The requirements indicated in this chart are the minimum requirements for a student to attain a Certificate of High School Achievement. The requirements for entry into post-secondary institutions and workplaces may require additional and/or specific courses.

80 Credits including the following:

English Language Arts 20-2 or 30-4

Mathematics 10-3 or 20-4

Science 14 or 20-4

Social Studies 10-2 or 20-4

Physical Education 10 (3 credits)

Career and Life Management (3 credits)

5 Credits in

- 30 level Knowledge and Employability (KAE) occupational courses, or
- 30 level Career and Technology Studies (CTS), or
- 30 level Locally Developed Course with an occupational focus

and

5 credits in

- 30 level Knowledge and Employability (KAE) Workplace Practicum course, or
- 30 level Work Experience course, or
- 30 level Green Certificate course
- 30 level Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) course

LIFE, ACADEMIC, & WORK SKILLS PROGRAM (LAWS)

LAWS students at the end of their final year of programming are encouraged and eligible to participate in the MCHS Graduation Ceremony. If parents with a student in the LAWS program have any questions please contact Mrs. Currie or Ms. Jones.



GRADUATION CEREMONY REQUIREMENTS

To participate in the Graduation Ceremony, a student must meet the minimum course credit requirements for an Alberta High School Diploma/Certificate of High School Achievement as established by Alberta Education. Students must achieve a minimum grade of at least 50% in all non-diploma subjects and meet the requirements for diploma subjects as listed below.

Because the final grade for diploma exam subjects is established by blending the school awarded mark and the diploma examination mark, the following rules will apply:

1. In the first semester, students must have earned at least 50% as a final grade in any required diploma examination subjects.
2. In the second semester, students must have earned at least 50% in the school awarded mark by **May 29, 2026** for any diploma examination subject required for diploma requirements.
3. Registration for courses in Summer School 2026 **does not** qualify students for participation in the Graduation Ceremony.
4. Students must complete all of the requirements of the Life Skills Program (LAWS).

Final determination for participation in the Graduation Ceremony will be based on the marks as of May 29, 2026.

It is expected that all Grade 12 Students will conduct themselves in a mature, responsible manner throughout their graduation year.

Students who successfully graduate with a Certificate of High School Achievement (KAE) will be eligible to apply the next school year as a returning Grade 12 student to complete the requirements of the Alberta High School Diploma program. Approved returning 12 students who successfully achieve their diploma within the year will be eligible to attend the Graduation Ceremony if the applicable Graduation fee has been paid.

GRADUATION LISTS

Updated Memorial Graduation Lists will be posted in the Grad display case outside the Textbook Depository starting the weeks of:

- November 4, 2025
- February 2, 2026
- March 23, 2026
- May 1, 2026
- May 29, 2026 - Final Grad List

Students registered at Connections for Learning will need to contact the CFL Graduation Coordinator to confirm their eligibility to participate in Memorial's graduation ceremony.

If a student's grades fall below 50% in any course required for graduation, the student's name will be removed from the Graduation List.

Students enrolled in alternate programming through AAC/CFL/SGOutreach must meet the following requirements:

- A minimum of 75% completed in a 5 credit course by May 29 and passing.
- A minimum of 75% completed in a 3 credit course by May 29 and passing.
- An average greater than 50% in any courses required for a diploma as of May 30.

Students will be removed from the Graduation List as a result of:

- Failing marks in required courses (below 50%).
- Incomplete courses among Graduation requirements.
- Insufficient Graduation requirements (courses dropped or missing).
- Failure to attend classes.

MYPASS

MyPass is an Alberta Education secure self-service website where students can order Alberta Official Transcripts of High School Achievement, view and print diploma exam statements, and complete other self-service functions.

To sign in or request access visit: myPass.alberta.ca

To request access, you must have:

- an Alberta Education Login ID (you will be given the opportunity to register for a Login ID).
- your Alberta Student Number.
- your date of birth.
- completed high school credit courses or GED equivalency courses in Alberta.
- a valid current address on record with Alberta Education.
- a personal email account – **Do Not Use** a school email account as once you graduate, this account will expire.

INDEPENDENT STUDENT

Any Grade 12 student turning 18 during the 2025-2026 school year is responsible for their own Graduation; unless an Independent Student Letter is on file granting parental access to information.

SAFE GRAD, MADD GRAD OR PARENT GRADUATION COMMITTEE

- If the Graduating Class of 2026 wishes to participate in "Safe Grad," "MADD Grad," or an activity planned by the "Parent Graduation Committee," these events are solely organized by volunteer parent groups.
- For further information on the Parent Graduation Committee please send an email to memorialgradcommittee@gmail.com
- Memorial Composite High School staff and administration have NO involvement in these activities.
- Tickets for the Prom Night are not included in Memorial's Grad fee and must be purchased directly from the Grad Parent Committee when available.

Please use the form on the following page to **pay for your MCHS Grad fees by December 5, 2025.**

Once payment has been submitted, please give the Graduation Registration Form to Ms. Miller in the Finance Office. Thank you!

For more information or with questions about Grad please contact:

Mrs. W. Sorenson

MCHS Graduation Coordinator

Phone: 780-963-2255 ext. 1082

Email: wendy.sorenson@psd.ca



MEMORIAL COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR GRADUATION 2026

Please Note: All Graduates are required to complete and submit this form, regardless of their participation in the Graduation Ceremony.

Grad Fee Due Date: December 5, 2025

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please print your **preferred** name **EXACTLY** the way you would like to see it printed in the Graduation program and on your school awarded certificate.

Last Name	
First Name (only)	
Mailing Address	
City/Town	Postal Code
Home Phone # <small>with area code</small>	Cell Phone # <small>with area code</small>

OPTION A - \$62.00 (GST included)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Graduation Ceremony (cap, tassel, diploma cover, school awarded certificate); Lifetouch Grad portrait session
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OPTION B - \$32.00 (GST included)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Graduation Ceremony (cap, tassel, diploma cover, school awarded certificate); No Grad Portrait Session *
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OPTION C - \$30.00 (GST included)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Lifetouch Grad portrait session fee.
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OPTION D - \$0

<input type="checkbox"/>	Not participating in Graduation. *
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* Please have a Lifetouch Yearbook photo taken during Grad photo days so the graduate's photo will be included in the Yearbook, Class Composite, and Grad Slideshow.
No appointment required, no fee.

Amount Paid

Payment by

Payment can be made on-line through the PowerSchool Parent Portal or by cash, credit card or cheque payable to Parkland School Division at the School Finance Office. CFL graduates are required to pay the Grad Fee at MCHS as it can not be added to a CFL PowerSchool Parent Portal.

After submitting your payment, please deliver the Graduation Registration Form to Ms. Miller in the School Finance Office or email it to debra.miller@psd.ca. Thank you!