



May 11, 2025

Greetings Soldan ISHS Class of 2025 families!

Happy Mother's Day to the mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, and those incredible individuals who stand in the gap for our students. Your unwavering love, support, and guidance make the world a better place. Thank you for the countless ways you nurture and inspire every day! It's graduation week! This is a quick reminder that the first graduation practice and senior clearance is tomorrow. The remaining events and important reminders for seniors are listed below.

List of Events	Date
Graduation Rehearsal #1	May 12, at 10:00 am (at Soldan)
Senior Clearance	Starts May 12, at 12:00pm and will continue through May 16
Graduation Rehearsal #2	May 14. at 10:30 am Harris-Stowe State University
2025 Commencement Ceremony	May 17, 2025, at 3:00 pm Harris-Stowe State University

[^]Students enrolled in AP courses must take their AP exams prior to being cleared for graduation.

Advanced Placement (AP) Exams

Students must arrive on time for the test as they cannot be admitted to the room once the exam has started. AP Exams are free for SLPS students; however, the College Board charges a **“no show/late fee” of \$40 when students fail to take their AP exams. This fee will be charged directly to the student.** We will not administer makeup exams; therefore, it is important that students arrive to take their exams as scheduled. Students must have their *district-issued* laptops and chargers to complete these online exams.

Course	Exam Date	Start Time
AP Calculus	May 12	8:00 am
AP English Language & Composition	May 14	8:00 am
AP Computer Science Principles	May 15	12:00 pm
AP Psychology	May 16	12:00 pm

Graduation Requirements

This list of criteria has been shared before, so hopefully this looks familiar. Seniors must meet the following to participate in graduation.

- Pass the *required* 24 credits by May 9, 2025. SchoolsPLP courses must be completed by **May 1**.
- Passed the Civics, US Constitution, and Missouri Constitution Tests
- Taken four End of Course (EOC) tests in English 2, Algebra 1, Biology, and Government
- Taken the ACT **and** the ASVAB or Accuplacer
- Completed the mandatory CPR instruction
- Returned all technology (laptop & charger), books, sports uniforms.
- Senior dues (\$150) are paid in full and have no outstanding fees/fines.

Senior Clearance

Seniors must complete the checkout process as the final step before being cleared for graduation. Senior clearance will take place May 12-16. During this time, seniors must meet with their counselors to ensure all graduation requirements are met and exit surveys are completed. Students must return their district laptop and charger, pay all fees/fines and senior dues, and return sports uniforms and books. **Students with an hourly attendance of less than 85% must complete an additional form.** Students scheduled to take an AP exam will be cleared after completing their last exam. **Students will receive their cap/gown/stole and seven graduation tickets once they have completed ALL steps AND are cleared to participate in the ceremony.**

Graduation Rehearsals

We will have a couple of practices leading up to the big day. One will be at Soldan, and we have scheduled time to practice at Harris-Stowe State University on May 14 at 10:30 am. **All graduating seniors are expected to participate in the upcoming rehearsals, even if their schedules are restricted.** A bus to Harris-Stowe will depart at 9:45am. Seniors with a signed field trip form may ride the bus to/from Harris-Stowe. Students may also drive directly to Harris-Stowe for the rehearsal.

Graduation Day

Students should arrive at Harris-Stowe State University by 1:30 pm with their cap, gown, stoles(s), and cords. The ceremony will begin promptly at 3:00 pm. Diplomas will be issued to students immediately following the ceremony. All guests must have a ticket to attend the ceremony. Again, graduates will receive seven tickets. If you do not need all the tickets, you may GIVE the extra tickets to another graduate or return them to the main office. DO NOT SELL THESE FREE TICKETS. **See the attached document for more Graduation Protocols.**

Visit the [Class of 2025 webpage](#) for all senior communications. Please contact the Senior Sponsors with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

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