
Minnesota West – Granite Falls

2024 Graduation Information

Tuesday, May 7th at 7:00 pm
Yellow Medicine East High School Auditorium

CAP/GOWN/TASSEL: Your cap, gown and tassel (*and cords - if graduating with honors*) will be available for pickup at the Granite Falls Campus **after** you have submitted the [Application for Graduation](#) (due by April 1, 2024), completed the [Job Placement Form](#), and completed your [Loan Exit Counseling](#) (if necessary).

- Gowns will be available for pickup starting on **Monday, April 22nd (Monday - Thursday 8:00 – 3:00 pm)** in Student Services on the Granite Falls Campus
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GRADUATION CEREMONY:

- 4:30 pm Nursing Pinning Ceremony - (Yellow Medicine East High School Auditorium – 450 9th Ave, Granite Falls)
- 5:00 - 6:30 pm Meal for the graduates & family/friends - (The Rock – Location: 1940 11th Ave, Granite Falls) If you are on 11th Ave. in front of Minnesota West (the side where the flagpole is), continue to go straight west and the restaurant is on the north side of the road.
Each graduate can sign up for three free tickets (one for you and two guests). Additional tickets can be purchased for \$10 each. Children the age of two and under are free. Cash or check for additional tickets. You must sign up at the Resource Specialist's desk to get your tickets for the meal.
- 7:00 pm Graduation Ceremony (Yellow Medicine East High School Auditorium)

Graduation Procedure

1. Be at Yellow Medicine East High School by **6:30 pm** dressed in your cap and gown.

How to Wear Your Graduation Cap and Tassel

The cap should be worn so that one of the points is directly in front, so that if looked at from above the cap would form a diamond on your head. Pull it down snugly so that the top of the cap is flat with your head. It shouldn't be pointing up or resting on top of a hairdo.

The tassel should be placed so that it hangs on the right side of your face. Once you have received your diploma and been announced as the graduating class, you should grab the tassel and turn it to the left side. Leave it in this position until you remove your cap after the ceremony.

- Pick up name card in the YME Board Room and line up according to your program. We will have you process into the auditorium by program/last name.
- When graduates march in to the seating area, please be seated **immediately!**
- Each row rises as directed to receive your diploma cover.
- Take the diploma cover in your left hand so your right hand is free to shake hands.
- After receiving your diploma cover, return to your row of seats...move in all the way and sit down.
- After everyone has received their diploma cover, you will be announced as the graduating Class of 2024 at which time you will move your tassel to the left side.
- You will then be directed to rise (one row at a time) to march out for the recessional.

9. Gowns will be returned to MN West at the end of the ceremony in the YME Board Room - you may keep the tassel and/or honor cords.
- **IMPORTANT: Students will not receive a diploma if they have a balance due. Exit counseling** must be completed if you have student loans. At the Graduation Ceremony, students will be handed an empty cover. **Mid to late June**, after grades are finished and a final degree check has been completed, students will receive their digital diploma from Parchment sent to their **personal email** address on file. Parchment will mail a printed diploma to the student's permanent address on file 7-10 days later. **PLEASE VERIFY THAT BOTH YOUR PERSONAL EMAIL AND YOUR PERMANENT ADDRESS ARE VALID IN YOUR [E-SERVICES STUDENT ACCOUNT](#).**
 - **The Minnesota West Educational Policy 3.6 regarding Code of Conduct remains in effect. If you are under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or become disruptive, you will be asked to leave.**

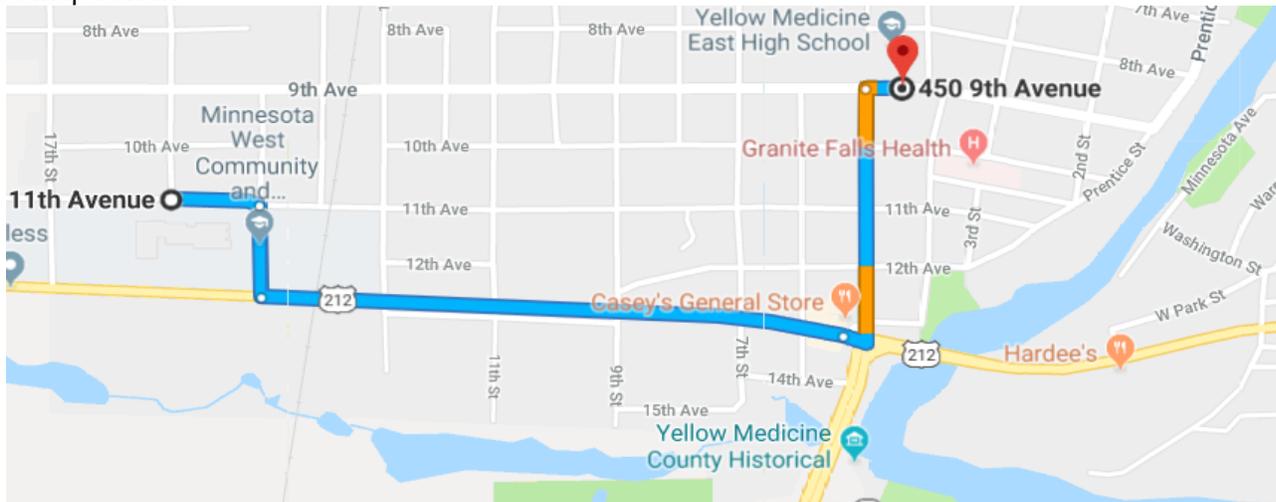
Driving Directions

Driving Directions from MN West, Granite Falls Campus to Yellow Medicine East High School.

From Minnesota West Community & Technical College:

- 1) Turn right onto 15th Street and go to Hwy 212 – which is south of MN West
- 2) Turn left onto Hwy 212 - go 10 blocks to the stop lights
- 3) Turn left (north) onto 5th Street/Granite Street
- 4) Go 4 blocks. YME is straight ahead. Use front entrance.

See map below.



ADDRESS INFORMATION:

Minnesota West – Granite Campus
1593 11th Avenue
Granite Falls, MN 56241

Yellow Medicine East High School
450 9th Avenue
Granite Falls, MN 56241