



MAVS FOOTBALL

Senior Year Checklist for Football Families

Senior year moves fast, and one thing leads straight into the next. This list walks through what senior football families need to do, roughly in the order it comes up. Dates change every year, so watch the Maverick Football Booster News email and mcneilmavericks.org for this year's dates.

Before the season (summer)

- ☐ **Join the Booster Club** at mcneilmavericks.org/boosters/join so you get the weekly Maverick Football Booster News email. Nearly every senior-year deadline below shows up there first.
- ☐ **Confirm your senior is scheduled in the athletics (football) class period** for the school year.
- ☐ **Make sure your senior is cleared in Rank One** before the first practice.
- ☐ **Get on SportsYou** for messages from the head coach. Email contact@mcneilmavericks.org for the team code.
- ☐ **Pay for game day meals**, in full or on a payment plan. The link is in the Booster News email and on the website.

August: Media Day and Picture Day

- ☐ **Make sure your senior goes to Media Day and has his photo taken.** That photo is used for his senior banner, Senior Night graphics and social media posts. A missed photo is the most common reason a senior's banner runs late.
- ☐ **Check how your senior's name is spelled** on the roster at mcneilmavericks.org/roster/varsity. The same spelling goes on his banner, any roster shirt, and the announcer's script. Send corrections to contact@mcneilmavericks.org.
- ☐ **Order school photos** from the photographer if you want them. Those are paid to the photographer, not the Booster Club.

During the season

- ☐ **Stay on top of grades.** Under the UIL no pass, no play rule, a failing grade at a grading period can keep a player off the field for a stretch of games, and that can include Senior Night.
- ☐ **Host or co-host a varsity team dinner.** Senior families have traditionally led these. Dinners are the night before a game, at the school, for the whole varsity team and staff, and the host family covers the cost, so teaming up with other senior families works well. Sign up at mcneilmavericks.org/boosters/team-dinners.
- ☐ **Watch for the senior parent photo session**, usually in September.

Senior Night (start two to three weeks before)

- ☐ **Fill out the Senior Night information form as soon as it arrives.** It asks who is walking with your senior and what the announcer will say about him. Forms that come in late are the hardest part of the night to put together.
- ☐ **Send one baby picture of your senior** when the Booster Club asks for it.
- ☐ **If your senior will not have someone to walk with him**, tell the head coach or the Booster Club privately. A coach will walk with him, and nobody else needs to know.



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- ☐ **Sign up to help decorate lockers** the night before Senior Night. The signup link goes out in the Booster News email.
- ☐ **On Senior Night, arrive at the time the Booster Club sends you** (usually about an hour before kickoff). Families line up in jersey order, meet their senior, take a photo, and walk to the 50 as they are announced.

Homecoming and the end of the season

- ☐ **Volunteer for Homecoming.** The Tunnel Stampede, locker decorating and the merch table all need help, and it is one of the last chances to work a game as a football parent.
- ☐ **Watch for Homecoming and senior merchandise** in the Booster News email.
- ☐ **Your senior's banner** hangs at home games during the season and is given to him at the end of the season.

If your senior hopes to play in college

- ☐ **Talk with the head coach early** about recruiting and game film.
- ☐ **Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center** at eligibilitycenter.org for Division I or II. The NAIA has its own eligibility center at playnaia.org.

Questions? Email contact@mcneilmavericks.org. Thank you for your support of McNeil Football, and congratulations to our seniors.