

Attention: Graduating Seniors and Parents



You should all feel very proud of your accomplishments! Please review the following information to insure that you will receive your diploma with your classmates.

Graduation Atmosphere

- Commencement is a dignified ceremony that marks a formal passage of time. The event is as much for family, the school district, and the community as for the students.
- We would like to create an atmosphere that enhances the great tradition and pride of White River High School.
- **As a courtesy, please speak with family members and friends to refrain from using noise-makers, blow-horns, or other devices during the ceremony.** In the past, we have had parents come to their child's graduation only to miss hearing their child's name read because of blow-horns and other unnecessary/inappropriate noise in the audience.

Student Attire

- Students are to arrive at the amphitheater carrying their cap/gown/tassel/medallion.
- **Required attire includes long pants and a collared shirt for boys, and dresses, skirts, or dress pants for girls.**
- Required footwear includes some type of dress shoe for both boys and girls. Footwear **that is not acceptable** includes slippers, tennis shoes, flip-flops, and sandals that are considered athletic or casual.
- Backpacks, purses and cell phones will not be allowed at the Lodge (grad check-in area). Students are to bring their cap and gown only.
- Only school approved neckwear will be allowed. Any exceptions must have administrative approval prior to graduation practice by May 24th.
- Taping the cap, writing on the cap, or altering the cap in any way will not be permitted.

Student Conduct

- Graduation is a dignified ceremony. Students are expected to conduct themselves accordingly.
- Items such as balloons or beach balls are not allowed during the ceremony.
- Noisemakers, whistles, silly string, or other celebration materials are not allowed during or after the ceremony.
- Students are to act appropriately after receiving their diploma, not dancing or acting out when leaving the stage or returning to their seats.
- **Cell phones and cameras are not permitted during the graduation ceremony. Please leave them at home.**

Graduation Practice

- Tuesday, June 11th 7:45 AM. Meet in the Commons for the Senior breakfast before going into the theater for a short presentation. Students will be transported by bus to the Amphitheatre for practice. Running Start students must contact the office to make arrangements if you are unable to attend. Students will not be allowed to drive to the practice.
- Practice participation is **MANDATORY** in order to graduate. **Students with outstanding fines, unresolved discipline, or failing grades will not be allowed to attend graduation practice or commencement exercises.**

Graduation Time

- **Graduation is 7:00 PM, Tuesday, June 11th.** The ceremony is open and free to family and friends; and does not require tickets, unless you purchased reserved box seats.
- A professional photographer will be present to take a photo of each graduate as they receive their diploma cover. The photographer will mail you information after graduation on how to purchase these photos if you are interested. **No camera drones are allowed as per White River Amphitheater policy. *Also, no one is allowed to set up cameras/tripods in the sound box area.**
- The Lodge will be open for student check-in at 6:00 PM. Students will not be allowed to leave once they have checked in. **Graduates must be present by 6:15.**

After Graduation

- **Parents can meet their student by the River Lodge.**
- **Diplomas are not given out at graduation.** Instead, graduates can pick up their diploma on Friday, June 14th, between the hours of 9:00 - noon.
- Diplomas may also be picked up by the graduate or parent/guardian at WRHS from June 19th through June 21st.
- **Any discipline issues during the ceremony will result in the diploma being withheld.**
- Graduates planning to attend the grad-night party will meet at the main entrance/trellis after the ceremony to board the bus.

The last day of school for seniors is Monday, June 10th.