

# Winnacunnet High School Class of 2020 Graduation Ceremony Guidelines

## **Before leaving home to attend the ceremony.**

While we hope that you can participate in the upcoming ceremonies, the health and safety of all are more important.

- If you are at higher risk for more severe illness (older adults or those with underlying health conditions) we encourage you to stay home.
- Additionally, for all participants in the graduation ceremonies:
  1. Have you been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19?
  2. Have you had a fever or felt feverish in the last 72 hours?
  3. Are you experiencing any respiratory symptoms including a runny nose, sore throat, cough, or shortness of breath?
  4. Are you experiencing any new muscle aches or chills?
  5. Have you experienced any new change in your sense of taste or smell?

*If you answer yes to any of these questions please do not attend the ceremony.*

- A mask will be required to be worn by all attending the ceremony. Please make sure everyone has a mask.
- We will be providing our graduates with Winnacunnet masks for their use during the ceremony.
- The ceremonies will be live streamed for those remaining at home.
- Seniors should come dressed in their cap and gown and any graduation regalia.

## **The rules for attending graduation**

- Attendance is limited to the graduate and two immediate family members only.
- Each graduate will be given two (2) tickets for the immediate family members.
- All seating (graduates and family members) will be on the field, in assigned seating at least 8' apart from other families.
- The graduate and family members must arrive in one vehicle.

## **School Arrival**

- On graduation day, families may arrive at Winnacunnet no earlier than 4:30pm.
- All vehicles will enter from Old Landing/Park Avenue and enter the lower (Gym) parking lot.
- There will be no entrance to the campus from the Alumni Drive entrance and the Warrior Way entrance; both entrances will be closed.
- At the entrance to the Gym parking lot, the signed Clearance Attestation waiver will be collected from each individual in the vehicle in order to receive a graduation ticket. If you forget this waiver we will have extras on site. Your vehicle will be directed to the Tennis Court parking lot where each person in the vehicle will fill out the waiver prior to returning to the entrance line.
- All participants will be required to wear masks upon entry and must continue to wear their masks until returning to the vehicles after graduation.
- After entry through the Gym lot, vehicles will follow the access road behind Winnacunnet and follow staff volunteers in yellow WHS EVENT STAFF jackets to your parking spot. All vehicles will be parked in the Senior Lot.
- Please do not get out of your vehicle until a staff member instructs you to begin walking to Alumni Field. Graduates and their family will follow EVENT STAFF through the walkway to enter Alumni Field through the rear entrance at the top of the hill. Staff ushers will take you to your seat.
- We ask when walking to your seats that you please stay at least 6 feet from other families and wear your mask at all times until returning to your vehicle.

# Winnacunnet High School Class of 2020 Graduation Ceremony Guidelines

## The Graduation Ceremony

- We will hold a single graduation ceremony for the entire class on the football field on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.
- Attendance is limited to the graduate and two (2) immediate family members only. The graduate and family members must arrive in one vehicle. All seating (graduates and family members) will be on the field.
- Appropriate social distancing, masks and screening protocol are required for all participants. We will provide our graduates with Winnacunnet masks.
- The graduate and their family will be seated 8 feet apart from other families in order to adhere to social distancing guidelines. We ask that you do not get up from your seat until the graduate's name is called to receive their diploma.
- Once the graduate's name is called, they will move to the left side of the stage while their family members move to the right side of the stage. The graduate will walk up the stairs on the left and move across the stage. Mr. McGowan will place their diploma on the stage and the graduate will take it and move to exit on the right. Once the graduate is off the stage they will be greeted by the family. We will have a professional photographer at this point to take a family picture.

## Departure

- Graduates and family members will then be ushered by Staff volunteers up the hill to return to their vehicles. We will have two photo stations setup as families exit. Professional photographers will take family/individual photos at one of these two stations.
- All pictures taken by these professional photographers will be made available to families for no cost. It is important that families allow these professionals to take the pictures at these locations.
- After the picture station the graduate and their family will be escorted to their vehicle and will be directed to exit via Warrior Way immediately.

## Other considerations

- Bathroom facilities will not be available unless there is an emergency.
- There can be absolutely no mingling and breaking of social distancing.

## Rain

- The rain date for the graduation ceremony is Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

## Reminder

- All of our events are subject to change depending upon the level of stay at home orders in place, revised health recommendations, and/or the situation locally.

## Missing Graduation

- If you are at higher risk for more severe illness (older adults or those with underlying health conditions) we encourage you not to attend the graduation ceremony. Likewise, if you are uncomfortable with the risk of attending caused by COVID-19, you should not attend. The graduation ceremony will be live-streamed, as well as recorded and included as part of a video graduation presentation, to be aired on Monday, June 29, 2020.