

Winslow Township High School Graduation

Philosophy

Winslow Township High School views Graduation as an academic ceremony which honors students who have successfully completed their high school education by fulfilling all the requirements set forth by the New Jersey Department of Education and the Winslow Township Board of Education. As such, the Ceremony is to reflect the dignity and honor conducive to this solemn yet joyous occasion. Participation in this ceremony is therefore a *privilege*.

Eligibility for Participation

The privilege of participation in graduation is reserved for those students who have met all the requirements and obligations set forth in the Winslow Township Board of education policies. A student will be denied the privilege if he/she:

- 1. has not met the academic requirements
- 2. has violated the attendance policy
- 3. has been suspended three or more times during the academic school year; or is suspended at the time of graduation
- 4. fails to conduct himself/herself in an orderly fashion during rehearsal or the ceremony
- 5. fails to attend rehearsal without administrative approval
- 6. has not paid all fines or school related debts in full

Graduation

<u>Graduation is scheduled for Wednesday, June 19, 2019, at 6:00 PM on the football field.</u> In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held inside the main gymnasium. If the ceremony is held in the gymnasium all guests are required to have a graduation ticket. Seating in either area is limited.

Students will be given their graduation tickets upon receipt of their caps and gowns. Each senior will receive a total of three (3) tickets.

Due to seating limitations, requests for extra tickets will not be honored. Please do not call the high school to request extra tickets. If the tickets are lost they <u>WILL NOT</u> be replaced.

Graduation Rehearsals

Monday, June 17 th	7:15 a.m. until 11:19 a.m.
Tuesday, June 18th	7:15 a.m. until 11:19 a.m.
Wednesday, June 19th	7:15 a.m. until 11:19 a.m.

Participation in rehearsals is mandatory. Students having early release should make the necessary changes in their work schedule. Caps and gowns will be distributed at the conclusion of each rehearsal.

Proper Attire for Graduation

Students are required to wear a cap and gown during the ceremony. No slogans or writing is permitted on caps

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or gowns. Boys are required to wear a dress shirt, dress pants or khakis, socks, and dress shoes. Girls are required to wear a white or light pastel shirt/blouse with dress pants or dress of the same colors. A heeled shoe is appropriate. Pins may be needed to secure the cap.

Sneakers, jeans, signs, etc, are not to be worn. Students who do not comply with the dress code before or during the ceremony will not be permitted to participate or continue to participate in the ceremony.

Student Conduct

Students are required to conduct themselves in a manner reflective of the dignity and honor of the occasion. Shouting and hurling of objects are not permitted. Students who are boisterous or disruptive will be removed from the ceremony.

Graduation Night

All seniors who are participating in graduation must report to the cafeteria no later than 5:15 PM. Seniors are encouraged to park in the student lot next to the football field. Additional space will be available behind the auditorium and in the rear of the building by the gymnasium. Students will line up and proceed to the football field from the cafeteria. Actual diplomas will be distributed immediately after the ceremony in the cafeteria. Family members are not permitted to enter the cafeteria during the distribution of diplomas.

Guests

Guests should arrive at least one-half hour before graduation begins to be seated. Late arrivals cannot be seated during the graduation processional. Student athletes will have their last walk, with their teammates beginning at 5:40 PM on the football field. Additional guests will not be permitted to enter the football area until after the graduates have been seated. Admission at that point will be standing room only around the perimeter of the fence.

Special Seating

Special seating for handicapped persons and <u>one</u> attendant will be provided on a limited basis. Handicapped parking will be along the fence line of the football field. Please complete the attached form and return to Ms. Evans, 12th grade Assistant Principal's secretary, on or before <u>Thursday</u>, June 13, 2019. This is a reminder that in the event of inclement weather <u>admission into the gymnasium requires a graduation ticket for all in attendance</u>.

Parking

Parents and guests are asked to park in the areas in the back of the high school behind the auditorium and gymnasium. Additional parking is available at the Winslow Township Middle School. Parents, guardians and guests will not be permitted to enter the building.

Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the main gymnasium. All guests will enter by way of the front gymnasium entrance. Admission to the gymnasium will be by ticket only.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in advance. The preceding guidelines have been established to make graduation a memorable experience for everyone.

