



Senior Bulletin

To: Graduates of the Class of 2021

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Date: April 21, 2021

Subject: Senior Class activities and information regarding Graduation

The weeks, days, and hours leading up to your graduation will be full of events and celebrations that will culminate with our 10th Commencement ceremony on June 11th here at Windham High School. This bulletin will provide you with information so you and your family can plan for those events, and so you will know what is expected of you during the exciting days ahead. We strongly urge you to discuss this information with your parents and keep them fully informed of changes along the way. A copy of this will be sent to your parents/guardians.

Your acknowledgement and acceptance of the *Graduation Participation and Decorum Agreement* must be submitted to Mr. Sierpina **before sign-out can be completed June 8th.**

Senior activities at a glance:

May 15	Senior Prom A link will be provided to all parents of students attending to allow viewers to watch students arrive at Atkinson Country Club.	6:00 – 11:00 pm	Atkinson CC
June 2	Scholarship / Awards Night	6:30 pm	Virtual
June 4	Last academic days in classes		
June 7	Class sign out		
June 8	Senior Breakfast, Sign-out, Rehearsal	8:00 am – 12:30pm	WHS Cafeteria

June 9	Rehearsal	8:00 – 10:00	WHS
June 10	Golden Brook Breakfast Graduation Rehearsal	7:30 – 8:30 am 10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Golden Brook School WHS Auditorium
June 11	Graduation Check in: Ceremony:	4:45 pm 6:00 pm	WHS Auditorium WHS Soccer Field
June 11-12	“Last Night”—Senior Safe Night	11:00 pm – 5:00 am	WHS

Senior Prom
Saturday, May 15, 6:00 pm – 11:00 pm
Atkinson Country Club

The Senior Prom will be held at the Atkinson Country Club on Saturday evening, May 15, from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. This is a formal affair and formal attire is expected. A link will be sent out so parents can watch a livestream of students arriving at the Atkinson Country Club.

Students must attend school on May 14 for a minimum of 2 full blocks in order to attend the event. ***Students may not leave the Prom early, unless they are picked up at Atkinson CC by a parent / guardian.***

The Senior Prom is a school-sponsored activity. Despite the off-campus location, all school rules prohibiting being in the presence of, possession, or use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco and/or any narcotic or controlled substance will be strictly enforced. These rules apply to being in the presence, possession, or use of alcohol or drugs in a car or limousine. **Failure to observe these school rules may prohibit you from participation in other senior activities including Graduation.**

Blue & Gold Scholarship and Award Night
Wednesday, June 2, 6:30 pm
Virtual – A link will be sent out.

The Senior Scholarship Ceremony honors those seniors who have achieved excellence here at WHS and those who will be receiving scholarships from community sponsors. Recipients of scholarships/awards will receive email invitations for themselves and their families prior to the event.

Senior Final Exams / Assessments
to be completed on or before June 3 & 4

Final Examinations and/or Assessments will be administered to seniors on or before Thursday, June 3 (A day classes) and Friday, June 4 (B day classes). **Students must be present for all exams/assessments** unless they are exempt. Senior exemptions for final exams apply to **full-year courses only**. In order to be exempt from a final exam/assessment, seniors must have met all of the following conditions:

- An 90% or better average for each of the first three terms;
- An 90% or better average for the Fourth Term as of the time of final exam/assessment;
- No more than four non-exempt absences from the class in which you qualify for an exemption for the fourth quarter.

**Class Sign-out Day
Monday, June 7**

All seniors will receive a sign-out sheet during Block 1A on Monday, June 7. If you are a CTE student or have late arrival please see Mrs. Broady upon arrival. Seniors will take these forms class-to-class, where teachers will sign the form, indicating that students have passed the class and **returned all books and other equipment** to their teachers. Teachers will not indicate a final grade, but rather simply indicate that the student has passed the class and returned school-owned items. This sign out sheet must be presented at senior sign out day on Tuesday, June 8. **Seniors MUST remain in classes for the full 40 minutes.**

**Senior Breakfast, Sign Out, & Graduation Rehearsal
Tuesday, June 8, 8:00 am – 12:30 pm
WHS Cafeteria**

On Tuesday morning, June 8th at 8:00 am, Student Council will host a **Senior Breakfast**. After breakfast, senior sign-out will take place. During this sign out process, you will verify that you have met the following obligations.

- Mr. McCaffrey All uniforms returned, locks returned, fees paid
- Ms. Morin All Media Center books and other materials returned
- Mrs. Napierkoski Service Learning hours completed
- Guidance Staff All requirements for graduation have been met, transcript / AP fees paid, Naviance up-to-date, exit survey completed
- Technology Staff Computers / chargers returned, repair fees paid in full
- Mrs. Carter/Mrs. Chartrand Seniors will receive their immunization records
- Food Service Staff Food service balance at \$0, or transferred to a younger sibling
- Office Staff All other financial obligations including missing books & equipment.

Following completion of this process, seniors will finally check out with Mr. Sierpina and receive their caps and gowns for graduation. **Graduation rehearsal will be held following the sign out, and is mandatory for all graduates.**

A Note Regarding Outstanding Obligations

Students with outstanding obligations after June 8, may **NOT** be able to participate in the graduation ceremony. This includes disciplinary consequences and financial obligations to the Windham School District. Examples include but are not limited to athletic uniforms that are not yet returned, missing textbooks, and laptop repairs for which payment has not been made.

Golden Brook Breakfast
Thursday, June 10, 7:30 – 8:30 am
Golden Brook School

The day before graduation from 7:30 to 8:30 am the teachers at Golden Brook School invite seniors to join them for a celebration breakfast at GBS. Don't miss this wonderful celebration, whether you attended Golden Brook or not!

Graduation Rehearsal
Thursday, June 10, 09:00 – 11:00 am

Windham High School

Graduation
Friday, June 11, 6:00 pm
WHS Soccer / Lacrosse Field

Windham High School wishes to recognize your academic achievement by honoring you and your class at the Graduation Ceremony on June 11. To remember this day favorably, it is important that the Commencement Exercises for the Class of 2021 reflect well upon you, your class, and WHS. As graduates of Windham High School, it is expected that you will conduct yourselves with dignity and respect. **Students who fail to act in a dignified manner or who in any way violate school policies on alcohol or other illegal substances will be removed from the ceremony and will not be awarded a diploma at that time.**

Arrival

Graduates must check in at the WHS auditorium **no later than 4:45 p.m.** A class photo will be taken at that time.

Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather, a decision will be made at approximately noon. The graduation would be held on Saturday, June 12th at 10:00 am on the WHS Soccer/Lacrosse field. If inclement weather is predicted for June 11th & June 12th, the graduation will be held in the WHS gymnasium on Friday, June 11th. If the ceremony must be moved indoors, tickets will be required for all guests. Each member of the Class of 2021 will receive two (2) tickets that are **required for an indoor ceremony**. Notifications will be made via School Messenger and on Comcast Channel 20. As June 11th is a school day for our non-graduates, please do not call the school for information about this decision.

Television Coverage

The graduation event will be livestreamed. Additional information will be sent out closer to the event date.

Handicapped / Elderly Guests

Please contact Mrs. Merrill in the Main Office at 603 845-1558 x5801` if you have a family member in need of shaded seating. There will be no parking on the field. There will be golf carts available to transfer guests from the main parking lot down to the field. Each handicapped / elderly seating location will be set up to allow one (1) additional person to sit with the person requiring special accommodations. **Both guests will need to have a ticket if the ceremony is moved inside.**

Photographs

Photography will be provided by C3 Photographers. Information regarding purchase of these photos will be made available during senior week.

Campus Access

Due to social distancing requirements, each graduate will receive four tickets for the outdoor ceremony. Each graduate will receive a 1 access passes to park on the WHS campus. No parking is allowed on the road between London Bridge Rd. and the high school campus.

Last Night “Senior Safe Night”

Windham High School hosts an all-night celebration for Class of ‘21 following the graduation ceremony. This event will begin at 11:00 pm graduation night and end at 5:00 am on June 12th.

Graduation Rehearsals

Graduation rehearsals will take place on Tuesday, June 8 after Senior sign out, Wednesday, June 9 from 8:00 – 10:00 am and on Thursday, June 10 from 09:00 -11:00 am. Please BE PROMPT, prepare for a trip outside, and park in the student parking lot. **Attendance is mandatory. If you do not attend rehearsal, you will not be allowed to participate in the Commencement Exercise. Do not schedule work or other commitments during rehearsal time.** Also, your promptness and undivided attention will mean a shorter and more efficient rehearsal. If you do not intend to participate in the Graduation Ceremony, please let Mr. Sierpina know immediately.

Graduation Attire

Ladies

Gown, stole, and cap
Dress shoes (no excessively high heels or flip-flops)
Dress, skirt, or slacks
No long dresses that show below gown

Gentlemen

Gown, stole, and cap
Dress shoes (no sandals, sneakers, boots)
White or light-colored dress shirt
Tie
Dress pants (no shorts)

Students currently enlisted in the US Armed Forces (Boot camp **completed)**

may wear a formal (not home-made) stole representing their chosen military branch.

Graduation caps may be decorated provided those decorations are appropriate, respectful, and two-dimensional. Graduates inappropriately dressed will not be permitted in the Commencement Exercises.

Graduation Participation and Decorum Agreement

The Windham High School Graduation Ceremony represents a very important event not only for our graduates and their families and friends, but also for the Town of Windham. WHS is a centerpiece of this community, and graduates are symbols of accomplishment and promise for the whole town. For these reasons, respectful behavior at the graduation ceremony is very important.

In order to convey our insistence upon behavior that is appropriate and respectful of the high school and the community, we have created this statement of understanding. Please read its contents carefully and sign below, indicating you have done so and agree to the terms below. This statement must be returned to Mr. Sierpina at the time of sign-out, June 8, 2021.

The following regulations regarding the graduation exercises have been established to maintain a dignified and respectful graduation ceremony. It should be understood that participation in all senior activities including graduation is a privilege and can be revoked at the discretion of the Principal.

1. No objects of any kind (beach balls, bubbles, signs, balloons...) will be permitted at the graduation ceremony. Anyone found in possession of any item that would disrupt the ceremony will not be permitted to participate in the ceremony. That person will be sent home and will receive his/her diploma at the high school on the school day following the ceremony.

2. Any student who is found to be in possession of alcohol or an illegal substance or to have consumed or used alcohol or an illegal substance prior to arrival at WHS will also be sent home and will receive his/her diploma at the high school at a later date.

3. Except for the time when his/her name is called to come forward to receive his/her diploma, a student who leaves his/her seat will be removed from the ceremony. Students who behave inappropriately either in action or in words will also be removed from the ceremony.

By signing this form, you are indicating that you have read these requirements and are aware of the consequences for inappropriate behavior. Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to a wonderful graduation.

Student name (printed)

Student signature and date