

Senior Notes



Congratulations WAHS Class of 2026!

Please read and share this information with your family.

Academic requirements for graduation

- You must fulfill all graduation requirements or be within one credit of meeting the graduation credit requirement in order to participate in the graduation ceremony.
- Please see your counselor immediately if you are unsure of your graduation status.

Financial obligations must be met

- It is your responsibility to return all books and materials, pay all fines, and settle any other matters with the school before you graduate. Obligations began accumulating during your freshman year and may include cap & gown fee, athletic participation fees, lost books & calculators, library fines, and parking fines.
- Settle all obligations with Mrs. Fritz in F104B (in the main hallway across from library) as soon as possible. Please take care of obligations **before** rehearsal day. If you still have obligations on rehearsal day you won't be able to leave immediately after rehearsal is over.
- All outstanding obligations for graduates after the graduation date are sent to the WASD Business Office where they are submitted for collection through the District Magistrate.

Commencement Photographs

Albright Studio will photograph you receiving your diploma on graduation night.

View photos on their site at albrightstudio.com.

Please mark your calendar with these important dates:

Tuesday, June 2nd – Senior picnic starting at 11:00 am.

Wednesday, June 3rd – Commencement Rehearsal – Attendance is mandatory!

- Seniors must report by 7:40 am to first period class. Seniors who do not have an assigned first period teacher or are assigned to the Drop-In Center should report to the library. Your first period teacher will tell you your lineup location and lineup locations will be posted on the hallway walls in C and F hallways.
- We'll begin lining up and moving to the gym for rehearsal during first period. **Do not leave first period until directed by announcement.** If graduation is held outdoors the lineup location will be the same but we'll process to the stadium instead of the gym. You will not report to any other classes on rehearsal day.

C hallway & 1 st floor C-Pod	F & G Hallway
Graduation Speakers (<i>Nearest the HUB</i>) Commencement Committee Seating assignment starting with C	Senior class officers (<i>nearest the HUB</i>) Commencement Committee Seating assignment starting with F

- Caps & gowns will be distributed in the commons at the end of rehearsal. You will receive five (5) commencement tickets as well as your name card.
- Tickets are not needed if the ceremony is held in the stadium. If commencement has to be held in the gym due to inclement weather all guests must have an **authentic** admission ticket.
- You will have a final opportunity to settle financial obligations after the rehearsal. Please take care of obligations before rehearsal day or else you may be in a long line of people who also waited until the last minute to settle up.
- After graduation practice we're going to give you the option to travel by bus to one of three sets of schools for a short ceremony. Wear your cap & gown, see your teachers, participate in their move-up ceremony, and inspire younger students! Watch for a Schoology message from Dr. Ross to sign up in advance. How cool!

Buses leave at 9; return at 10

- 1.) Jackson & WAMS
- 2.) Lyco. Valley & Hepburn
- 3.) Cochran & Curtin

Thursday, June 4th – Graduation day

Graduation location

- A decision about graduation location is made only on the morning of graduation. Information will be posted on the district's Facebook pages, Twitter/X account, in Schoology updates, and at wasd.org. Please check online instead of calling the school.

Your attire

- Hang your gown on a hanger and follow care instructions printed on the bag as soon as you get home from rehearsal. Do not use a hot iron on the gown – it could melt!
- You may decorate your cap but the decoration must be flush with the cap surface and only the top surface of the cap may have decorations. Caps not meeting this requirement will be confiscated and you'll be given a replacement to wear.
- The **ONLY** stoles permitted for wear are National Honor Society and military stoles. **No one is permitted to wear any other organization or cultural cords, medals, pins, tassels, or stoles.**
- Please wear appropriate attire under your gown.
 - Dark colors and bold patterns may show through white gowns. Please check your wardrobe choice in advance. It is not necessary to add the small white stick-on collar to the white gowns.
 - Extra gowns and parts will be available on an emergency basis in the main office throughout the day **and** in Mr. Flint's room (F115) after 6 PM.
 - Gentlemen should consider wearing long pants and a shirt with a collar.
 - **Only shoes with flat soles may be worn on the football field.** Shoes with high heels are forbidden on the field and you will be required to remove them before walking on the field surface. Plan to wear flats or wedge shoes if the ceremony is at the stadium.



Arrival

- **Plan to arrive at the school by 6 PM. Bring your cap & gown and name card. National Honor Society members should remember to wear NHS stoles.**
- Gates to the stadium or doors to the gym will open promptly at 6 PM for guests. No one will be admitted prior to that time.

Line Up

- Report to your line-up position by 6:40 PM with your cap & gown and name card.
- Tassels on caps should be placed on the **right** and toward the front. You'll move them to the left signifying your graduation toward the end of the ceremony.
- Members of the graduation committee will be around to help you find your spot, pass out programs, and to provide a replacement name card if you lost yours.

Ceremony

- The line starts to move at 6:55. Please take care of personal needs before we move. You will not have access to a restroom until after the ceremony is complete. If graduation is on the field see a faculty member if you have a medical or personal need emergency.
- Act in a manner befitting a high school graduate. This is your time to enjoy your accomplishments with your friends and family. Proper conduct is expected!
- **Gentlemen should remove caps during the national anthem.**

- When it's time for the roll call you'll be prompted to stand one row at a time. You should leave your program and everything else on your seat but carry your name card with you.
- You'll receive a symbolic diploma scroll during the ceremony. Pick up your actual diploma after the ceremony.
- Toward the end of the ceremony your class President will prompt you to move the tassel to the left (over your heart), symbolizing the completion of your high school education.
- Sometimes students throw their cap into the air at the end of the ceremony. Definitely do not look up as the caps come down. Caps have hard 90° corners that can cause injury.

Post-ceremony diploma & award pickup location

Stadium Graduation

Auxiliary Gym

Gym Graduation

A124/A126

- Only graduates will be permitted into the school after graduation. Your guests should use stadium restrooms if they need one.
- Members of the National Honor Society will return NHS stoles at diploma pickup.
- Claim prizes or awards if you have an award note on your diploma case. Not all students whose names appear in the award section of the ceremony program will need to stop by the awards table.
- Diplomas will not be distributed to students who have not met obligations or credit requirement for graduation.

Important driving and parking information

Graduation is by far the largest event held at the high school. A limited number of parking spaces exist on the hill. Modified traffic patterns will be used to avoid unnecessary congestion. Plan to carpool if possible. Seniors should arrive at the school by 6:00 PM. The earlier you get to the school the closer you'll be able to park.

Overflow parking and shuttle service for guests.

Once the parking lots are full cars will be parked at Williamsport Area Middle School (WAMS) and people will be shuttled to the high school. Shuttle service will be provided from both C-Lot and WAMS. Please ask your guests to note which lot they parked in so they get on the correct shuttle bus after the ceremony. Guests who ride River Valley Transit will be shuttled from the RVT bus stop at WAMS to the loop. Shuttle service will be provided after the ceremony to C-Lot and WAMS.

Reserved parking

Handicap parking permit and license plate vehicles will be directed to the reserved parking areas. If you need a temporary placard you may pick one up at the main office before graduation day.



Summer Yearbook Event!

August 4 from 11AM to 1PM – WAHS Commons

Reunite with your class, pick up your yearbook, have other students sign your yearbook, and enjoy free refreshments. If you can't make it on the 4th then you can schedule your yearbook pickup with Mrs. Cajka by e-mailing scajka@wasd.org.