

Hackettstown High School

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To All Graduates & Parents/Guardians:

Congratulations to the Class of 2021! Graduation day is one of the most important events in your life and a milestone for your entire family. It is a time for ceremony and for celebration. Accordingly and abiding by state safety guidelines, the school administration in conjunction with the Central Office, local law enforcement, and the Warren County Health Department, we have planned a commencement program that reflects the significance, dignity, and beauty of the occasion. As such, you are cordially invited to attend our High School Commencement Ceremony at Morrison Field, Hackettstown High School, on Friday June 18, 2021.

The day of the event, staff and security will direct you where to park. Tickets will not be provided because the event will be outdoors. Family and friends are encouraged to celebrate our graduating seniors. For those that cannot attend in person, the ceremony will be live streamed and made available on the Hackettstown High School website. Regarding safety measures, we will not be conducting temperature checks and masks will not be required for anyone in attendance. That includes our graduates, our guests, and those working the event. However, if you or your family members feel more comfortable wearing a mask and/or prefer your child to wear one, please continue to do so. Graduates will be provided a custom Class of 2021 graduation mask as a precaution. The mask is at no cost to the students and will be given out with the cap and gown. Regarding social distancing, students will be spaced 3 feet apart on the field, and we encourage spectators to maintain social distancing during the ceremony.

Commencement Ceremony Schedule

Ceremony Start Time: 10:00 am

Arrival Time For Graduates: Seniors are asked to park in the senior parking lot or any available spot in the upper parking lot. Students should be in line wearing their cap & gown no later than 9:30 am. The procession will start walking to the field at 9:50 am.

Arrival Time for Guests: Parking and seating will be made available at 9 am. If possible, one vehicle should be used for family and guests. The junior parking lot and football practice field will be used for guest parking.

Special Accommodations (Social Distancing and/or Handicap or Disabled): Special seating will be made available for groups of no more than four who request social distancing or have friends or family who are handicapped or disabled. If assistance to the field is needed, golf carts will be made available, please just notify



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security. If your family is in need of either request, please contact the principal's secretary by June 16th by phone or email (908-852-8150 ext 2224 or ksuyker@hackettstown.org).

Decorating of Caps: Graduates are permitted to decorate their caps. All decorations and sayings are expected to be appropriate and must not contain any profanity or offensive language.

Dress Code:

- Casual dress attire is expected. Jeans, shorts, flip flops and sneakers are not permitted. High heels are also not recommended for reasons of safety and comfort. You don't want to fall walking. Please know that you will be walking on grass.
- Tassels are worn on the right side and shifted to the left after all student names are announced and Mr. Sosnovik notifies the graduates. Caps can remain on during the Pledge & National Anthem

Rain Date: The rain date for this event will be Thursday June 17, 2021 at 10:00 am. If the forecast looks promising on the 18th, the ceremony will be on the 18th. If inclement weather is anticipated on the 18th, the ceremony will take place on the 17th and a notice will be sent to all families no later than 3pm on Wednesday, June 16th. We will make a final determination based on the weather report.

Graduation Practice Schedule & Obligations:

Obligations: In order to receive a cap, gown, and custom face mask, all students must address all obligations. Obligations include: the return of materials, return of school issued Chromebooks, payment of fines, and a completion of the senior survey. If all obligations are addressed, students can pay cash or check after graduation practice to pick up their cap and gown (\$20). Checks can be made out to *Hackettstown High School*. For a complete listing of fines, please view the parent portal. Fines will be located on the left hand side.

Practice 1: The first guaranteed practice will occur on June 16th. Students should arrive at the football field no earlier than 9:45 am and take a seat in the bleachers. If it is hot, sunscreen, sunglasses, water, and hats are permitted. If needed, students can come to the school earlier to solidify obligations in A-4. Attending morning classes on the 16th is not required.



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Directly after practice students are able to pick up caps and gowns at the football field house. Also, Project Graduation will hold a BBQ lunch for all participants.

Practice 2: If the weather is nice and the ceremony is on June 18th, a second practice will occur on June 17th. If the rain date is utilized and the ceremony is on June 17th, the second practice will be canceled. Specific directions will be given during the first practice regarding arrival and expectations.

We are very excited to celebrate this special event with you. Once again, I congratulate you on your success as a Hackettstown High School student. This academic achievement represents the pinnacle of your public education and should be regarded as a highlight to be celebrated and remembered. The teachers and administrators of Hackettstown High School are extremely proud of you.

Sincerely,

Kyle S. Sosnovik, Principal
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