

Dear Westside High School Students, Parents and Families:

It's almost time to celebrate our Class of 2021 graduates!

With graduation ceremonies offered both in-person and virtually this year for our senior class, I wanted to provide updated information to those of you who would like to view our ceremony online and/or share that information with your extended family members and friends.

HISD is partnering with Southern Sound to livestream graduation ceremonies. The **ceremonies will go live online starting at 5 p.m. on Friday, June 11**. For your convenience, the district has created one landing page for all graduation ceremonies at HoustonISD.org/2021Grads.

At this link, scroll down to the dropdown menu of schools and select our campus. The link to our ceremony will be available on the day of our ceremony on Sunday, June 13th, at 5:00 PM.

Also included on this page will be information on schedules, parking (for those attending in person), venue rules, and safety measures.

Please enjoy this celebration of everything the Class of 2021 has achieved this year, and have a safe and memorable graduation weekend.

Sincerely,
Principal Wittpenn
Westside High School

Senior Week

Monday 6/7		Tuesday 6/8	
Final Exams 3 rd & 7 th Periods		Final Exams 6 th Period	
Wednesday 6/9		Thursday 6/10	
<div>Senior Check-Out</div> <div>Various Timeslots / Auxiliary ("Lego") Gym</div> <div>To pick-up their cap & gown, students will report to Westside in alphabetic groups at the designated times below. Students will first need to complete an electronic form – the College Center will share a link to that document soon.</div>			
Wed. 9 AM-12 PM Last Names S-Z	Wed. 1-4 PM Last Names M-R	Thu. 9 AM-12 PM Last Names E-L	Thu. 1-4 PM Last Names A-D
Friday 6/11		Sunday 6/13	
Graduation Practice 9-11 AM / Commons		<div>Graduation</div> <div>5 PM / Delmar Field</div> <div>The Class of 2021 will walk across stage in this outdoor ceremony! See below for more details.</div>	
<div>Senior Picnic</div> <div>12:00-2:30 PM / Athletic Fields</div> <div>The PTO is celebrating our grads with food, music, outdoor games, and a free t-shirt.</div>			

Senior Honors will be virtual again this year. Winners of academic, athletic, and character awards will be revealed via WHS social media accounts in the evenings throughout Senior Week. Follow the awards online: **#2021wolfpackhonors**

Monday 6/7: Excellence Awards – the top seniors are showcased in each subject area, including athletics and the arts
Tuesday 6/8: Dean's Awards – our administrators reveal their personal awards
Wednesday 6/9: Heart of the Wolf – any staff member can recognize any student for any reason
Thursday 6/10: Principal's Awards – just a few of our most impressive seniors are given this high honor
Friday 6/11: HISD Board Award – seven finalists will be revealed with the two winners announced at graduation

Everything we know about graduation as of 5/26/21: 5 PM Sunday, 6/13 @ Delmar Field (2020 Mangum Road)

Ticketing and Parking

Tickets are required, and they will be distributed electronically in the free app "GoFan":

Go To: <http://www.gofan.co> and search for Westside

Click on the date and time for your school's graduation (it may say 6:00 PM – this is GoFan's error, it's still at 5:00 PM!)

Enter the senior's student ID number as the Promo Code and click 'Apply'. All access codes are limited to one use.

Choose the number of tickets you want by clicking the "+" button and click 'Get Tickets'.

On the Review and Buy page, click Add Information, Enter and Submit.

Click Buy Now - Enter your email as a guest or create an account to receive your confirmation email and parking passes.

Click 'Buy Tickets' to complete the transaction. NOTE: Tickets can be shared via text, with other mobile devices.

Each Westside student will receive NINE tickets for their family and THREE parking passes.

Ticket Redemption Process:

Present electronic ticket, on a mobile device.

DO NOT PRESS "REDEEM", PRIOR TO ENTRY. AUTHORIZED STAFF WILL COMPLETE THE PROCESS.

When presenting access tickets at the gates, click "VIEW TICKETS".

No additional tickets will be made available at the gate entrances.

Kids 4 and younger don't need a ticket. **For seniors, the cap/gown is their ticket.** Staff will enter with just their school ID.

Parking is free, but parking passes will be required. They will be emailed to the email address used in the GoFan user profile.

PARKING PASSES MUST BE PRINTED AND DISPLAYED ON VEHICLE DASHBOARD TO ENTER THE HISD SPORTS COMPLEX.

Venue/Ceremony Details

No flowers, balloons, banners, signs, noise makers, food or drinks will be allowed into the venue. Water will be provided.

Students will walk across stage to receive their diploma, but no handshakes are permitted (elbow bumps are encouraged). A photographer will capture the moment, and pictures will be available for purchase later.

Students will not be allowed to bring cell phones or other electronic devices on the field.

The doors will open for guests at 4pm, and the ceremony begins 5pm. Late arrivals will sit on the last row to limit distractions.

Every person must wear a mask. It will be hot, so dress comfortably. Since we're on a football field, high heels are discouraged.

There will be a livestream of the ceremony, and a link will be shared a couple days before graduation.

Students will receive more details at Westside's mandatory graduation practice:

9am on Friday 6/11 in the Commons.