

# Woodside High School

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***PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN UPDATED FROM ITS PREVIOUS VERSION.***

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Dear Graduating Senior and Parents (Guardians):

Graduation will be here soon. Woodside High School will be hosting two events for graduation, an in-person ceremony and an online virtual celebration. The in person graduation ceremony is scheduled for Friday, June 4 at 10:00 am on Bradley Field. Woodside High School must adhere to the guidelines set forth by the state, county, and district in regards to outdoor events. Therefore, each graduate will be allotted THREE tickets for guests to attend. **Due to capacity restrictions and the will of the students to participate together in a single event, additional tickets will NOT be available.** Information about watching the ceremony via live stream will be available on the Woodside High School website.

BOTH sides of Bradley Field (home and away bleachers) will be used for seating. We ask that people are considerate of all of the graduates' families by NOT saving seats or bringing items that would be obstructions to their view or enjoyment of the ceremony. **Air horns and other noise makers are prohibited.** People are encouraged to carpool with their graduate to campus.

Graduates who are participating must report to the I-wing lawn area by 9:15 am. Further instructions will be provided to those participating closer to the event.

There are **TWO** important steps graduates must complete to participate in the in person graduation ceremony:

**STEP ONE: GRADUATE PARTICIPATION** - Graduates who plan to participate in the In-Person graduation ceremony must opt in by completing a form at [bit.ly/WHSgrad2021](http://bit.ly/WHSgrad2021). Please note the WHS must be in CAPS and that only those with an SEQ account can complete the form. Graduates are asked to write in the names of their guests on the Opt-In form. Graduates must complete this form by Friday, May 21. Failure to complete the form will mean that the student has opted out of participating in the in-person ceremony.

**STEP TWO: TICKETS** - Each participating graduate will receive THREE tickets for guests to the graduation ceremony. Graduates are asked to write in the names of their guests on the Opt-In form. **ONLY PEOPLE WITH AN ACTUAL TICKET WILL BE ALLOWED ON CAMPUS.** Graduates will receive the physical tickets when they turn in their senior clearance form. The senior clearance form must be completed and turned in **Thursday, June 3rd between 10:00 am - 1:00 pm at the guidance office.**

There will be a separate virtual celebration that includes all candidates for graduation. The pre-recorded video will be viewable on Friday, June 4, 2021, at 3pm through YouTube premium (no cost). A link will be embedded on to the Woodside High School website. Students and parents will have the opportunity to download the exclusive clips for one year after the virtual ceremony date.

**AUDIENCE COOPERATION:** The graduating class and the staff appreciate the courtesy and cooperation of the audience. Guests are to utilize the seating on both sides of Bradley Field. The graduates will be facing Churchill Avenue. The program will include speeches appropriate to the seriousness of the occasion. In order for each family to have the honor of hearing their student's name, noise makers are prohibited. Please remain in your seats during the entire ceremony

and maintain appropriate physical distancing from non-households. Following the graduation ceremony, guests are to meet up with their graduate at the car.

**PARKING:** Please plan to arrive early on Friday, June 4 (*carpool if at all possible or park off campus*). Parking will be limited. Graduates and their guests are encouraged to come to campus together in the same car.

**PICTURES AND VIDEOS:** A photographer will capture the moment of each senior receiving a diploma. Families can register to purchase this photo at Gradfotonetwork.com. Information about photos taken will also be posted on the school website. People wishing to use their own cameras must remain in their seats. No guests will be allowed on the field. We would like everyone to experience the celebration without blocking anyone's view.

**CLOTHES:** Woodside is proud to have a traditional graduation ceremony. Graduates are expected to dress according to the significance of this event. In order to participate in the graduation ceremony, students are to wear the provided orange cap and orange gown along with the school tassel. Under the gown students should dress in appropriate attire (dress shirt with a tie, blouse, dress pants, dress shoes, dress, skirt, etc.). No student will be permitted to wear shorts, flip-flops, denim, or T-shirts. Students should wear flat soled shoes (wedges and sandals are acceptable). Do not wear shoes with stilettos or thin high heels due to the difficulty of walking on the field and up and down the stage. As you choose your clothes, remember that it can get hot on the field. There should be no exterior decorations, i.e., signs, messages on caps, candy leis, noisemakers, scarves and balloons. Every graduate is checked prior to entering the field. Make sure that the gown is presentable and not wrinkled.

We are pleased this year's ceremony will be in person and look forward to a dignified and memorable graduation as graduation signifies passage into the adult world. It is a time to celebrate achievements. Yet we still need to abide by appropriate regulations and protocols to ensure our event is safe for everyone; this means mask wearing and physical distancing for graduates, guests, and staff members. Any student who has been drinking or is under the influence of a controlled substance, or displays inappropriate behavior before or during the final ceremony, will be prohibited from participating in or be removed from the ceremony. It is our intent to avoid that embarrassment to both students and families by asking for your support and help now.

We look forward to celebrating this commencement with the class of 2021 in person.

Sincerely,

Woodside High School Administration