



WOODBIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

40 Beecher Road - South
Woodbridge, Connecticut 06525

Jonathan S. Budd, Ph.D. – Superintendent

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of Grade 6 Students:

It is my pleasure to announce that Beecher Road School will host an on-site *Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony* on Friday, June 18, from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Please review the following details.

- On Friday, June 18, all students in grades K-5 will be dismissed at 1:00 p.m.
- Grade 6 students who have been in-person learners this year will remain at school and participate in a lunch with their classmates courtesy of the BRS PTO.*
- Because the event will be outside (weather-permitting), we encourage students to wear clothing and footwear appropriate for warm weather, and for walking on grass. Students should come to school dressed in the attire they will wear for graduation; students will not have an opportunity to change their clothing during the school day.

If Weather Permits an Outdoor Ceremony

- Our strong preference is for an outdoor ceremony so that students' guests may attend. For proper social distancing within our outdoor geography, we must limit the number of guests to 2 guests per graduate. Masks for all those in attendance will be required. We will live-stream and record the ceremony for those unable to attend in person.
- Each graduate's two guests should arrive at the Beecher campus through the main entrance no earlier than 1:30 p.m. Police officers will direct guests to the proper parking location.**
- Grade 6 students who have been fully remote learners this year should be brought to campus for 1:30 p.m., proceeding to the South Assembly Room for lunch if they wish.
- After parking, guests will be guided to the North Field, where the ceremony will take place. Chairs will be provided by Beecher and set-up for proper social distancing.
- Please be aware of the possibility of high temperatures, and consider bringing bottled water. Guests for whom sitting outside will be difficult are encouraged to view the live-streamed ceremony from the comfort of their homes.
- We have commissioned Keith Roselle Photography to take a professional photograph of each graduate receiving his/her diploma; photographs will be available for your later download, via a secure site, at no cost to you.
- The ceremony will last approximately one hour. At approximately 3:30 p.m., each class of students will be dismissed from the ceremony along with their guests to ensure an orderly departure.***

If Weather Necessitates an Indoor Ceremony

- A decision on an indoor ceremony will be made by 11:00 a.m. on Friday, June 18, and announced via eBlast from my office, and communicated as well on the WSD/BRS website.
- If an indoor ceremony is required, it will occur in the South Gym, with only students and staff in attendance. The ceremony will be live-streamed and recorded for those unable to attend in person.
- Grade 6 students who have been fully remote learners this year should be brought to campus for 1:30 p.m., proceeding to the South Assembly Room for lunch if they wish.
- The ceremony will last approximately one hour. Beginning at 3:30 p.m., we will conduct a regular dismissal for sixth-graders via both bus transportation and parent pickup.

*Our presumption is that all grade 6 students will be participating in this ceremony. However, if your child will not be participating, please [e-mail Judy Silva](#) by Friday, June 11.

**If a guest will require handicapped parking, or any additional accommodations, please [contact my office](#) by Friday, June 11.

***If your child will be participating in the ceremony, but will not have transportation home, please [contact my office](#) by Friday, June 11, and we will make the necessary accommodations