

Williamsburg County School District



GRADUATION CEREMONIES

Saturday, June 3RD, 2023

| School | Gates Open | Doors Open | *Doors Close | Processional Begins | Ceremony Begins |
|-----------|------------|------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Hemingway | 7:00 AM | 7:30 AM | 8:30 AM | 8:45 AM | 9:00 AM |
| Kingstree | 9:00 AM | 9:30 AM | 10:30 AM | 10:45 AM | 11:00 AM |

****WCSA Adult Education Graduation Ceremony will be held at the district office on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 6:00 PM.**

***Graduation ceremonies will follow the most current Covid-19 guidelines.**

*** A clear bag policy is in place for persons attending.**

(Graduation ceremonies are not open to the Public!)

Congratulations, Class of 2023!!!

WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2023 GRADUATION GUIDELINES

1. GRADUATION CEREMONY PARTICIPATION IS OPTIONAL FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS.
2. Inclement weather make-up day: Tuesday, June 6, 2023.
3. Graduation practice dates will be set by the administrative staff at each school.

The following guidelines will be strictly enforced:

- Candidates for graduation will be limited to 6 to 8 non-transferable admission tickets to attend in person as determined by the school's officials. No other guests and/or persons will be allowed.
- ALL SCHOOLS ARE REQUIRED TO SECURE ADEQUATE POLICE AND SECURITY PERSONNEL!!
- ALL TICKETED GUESTS MUST ENTER THROUGH A SECURITY CHECK!!
- Balloons, flowers, blowhorns, whistles and other forms of possible disruptive materials will not be allowed in the gym.
- Each school will be responsible for setting forth the expected graduation ceremony behavior protocols AND the disciplinary actions that will be adhered to if those protocols are broken. (THIS INCLUDES STUDENTS AND INVITED GUESTS!!)
- The administrative team at each school is strongly advised to meet with your security detail PRIOR to graduation to discuss the proper protocol(s) and disciplinary action that will take place if students and/or invited guests are unruly during the graduation ceremony.
- Each school will be responsible for the livestreaming of their individual's school graduation ceremony if they choose to do so.
- Each school will be responsible to secure a professional photographer. The photographer must take pictures of each graduate as they cross the stage for purchase by families if they choose to do so.
- NO GUESTS WILL BE ALLOWED TO WALK AROUND AND TAKE PICTURES!!
- Graduation guidelines will be strongly enforced throughout the graduation ceremony with guests not allowed to congregate in parking lots in and outside of the gates. Persons not having admission tickets won't be allowed on the premises.
- Only essential event staff will be on hand at graduation. (*Essential district/school staff, county's legislative delegation and law enforcement*)
- District employees may attend graduation ceremonies with proper ID.
- School specific graduation ceremony information not detailed in the *2022-23 Graduation Ceremony Program Outline* will be sent to students and parents including the schedule to pick up diplomas and graduation packets by each individual school.
- Families are asked to take group and individual photos **at home** before and/or after the ceremony.

2022-23 Graduation Ceremony Program Outline

Saturday, June 3, 2023

| Time | Happenings |
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| 7:00 A.M. | Gates Open at Hemingway High School |
| 7:30-8:30 | DOORS OPEN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students/Participating Staff are Situated in their Designated Holding Areas • Ticketed Guests are Checked in and Lead to their Designated Seats |
| 8:30 | DOORS CLOSE!! |
| 8:45 | Processional Begins |
| 9:00 – 9:40 | Graduation Ceremony Program (HHS) |
| 9:40-9:50 | Closing Remarks/Recessional (IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL OF EVERYONE) |
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| 9:00 A.M. | Gates Open at Kingstree High School |
| 9:30 – 10:30 | DOORS OPEN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students/Participating Staff are Situated in their Designated Holding Areas • Ticketed Guests are Checked in and Lead to their Designated Seats |
| 10:30 | DOORS CLOSE!! |
| 10:45 | Processional Begins |
| 11:00 – 11:50 | Graduation Ceremony Program (KHS) |
| 11:50-12:00 P.M. | Closing Remarks/Recessional (IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL OF EVERYONE) |
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| | <i>Tuesday, June 13, 2022 (Adult Education Graduation)</i> |
| 5:00 PM | Gates Open at the District Office |
| 5:00 – 5:45 | Students and Ticketed Guests are Lead to their Designated Areas |
| 5:55 | Processional (2020-21 Adult Education Graduates and Podium Guests) |
| 6:00 – 6:20 | Graduation Ceremony (Adult Ed.) |
| 6:20 | Closing Remarks/Recessional (IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL OF EVERYONE) |