



WAYNE LOCAL

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Waynesville, Ohio

**Waynesville High School
Class of 2021**

Graduation Guide for Students/Parents

Dear Parents,

Each spring the thoughts of eager seniors and their proud parents turn excitedly to graduation. In this state of enthusiasm, many last minute details can be forgotten or simply overlooked.

This booklet has been designed to provide information and answers to the questions most commonly asked by seniors and their parents. Please review this material carefully and use it as a reference during your planning this spring.

Candidates for graduation must complete all academic requirements and obtain a minimum of 18 points from End of Course Exams in order to participate in the commencement ceremony on May 22. We will make every effort to keep you informed of your senior's academic progress. In turn, we ask you to make every effort to be informed and to help ensure that your senior successfully completes all academic requirements.

I hope you find this booklet helpful as you plan for what is certain to be a busy time for you and your family. As always, please feel free to contact the high school (513-897-2776) if you have any questions. We are eager to make this an enjoyable and memorable experience for everyone.

Sincerely,

Sam Ison
Principal

Graduation Requirements

All seniors and early graduates must have completed all academic and other requirements within the stated timelines including, but not limited to, the End of Course Exams (18 points), virtual classes, CCP, and correspondence courses in order to participate in the Waynesville High School Commencement.

A student who fails a year/semester class that is needed to fulfill a graduation requirement will not be permitted to participate in commencement, even if the credit can be made up in summer school. Commencement is reserved only for students who have successfully completed all coursework.

Class of 2021 Graduation Requirements

21 Total Credits

English.....	4 credits	Health.....	0.5 credit
*Science.....	3 credits	Physical Education...	0.5 credit
** Mathematics.....	4 credits	Electives.....	5 credits
*** Social Studies	3 credits	Fine Arts.....	1 credit

Exposure of credit to Personal Finance or Economics (Credit or within another course (Gov't)

* (must include 1 unit of physical sciences, 1 unit of life sciences and 1 unit of advanced study in one or more of the following sciences: chemistry, physics, or advanced biology)

** (must include Algebra II)

***(must include 0.5 credit of American History, World History and Government)

Other Requirements

Any senior having fees to pay, books/chromebooks to return, or any other obligation, must have it cleared by 12:00 P.M. on **Friday, May 21** in order to participate in the Commencement Ceremony.

Senior Scholarship Event

Senior Scholarship Awards Program

When: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 6:00 P.M.

Where: Waynesville High School Gymnasium

This program is designed to recognize and honor graduating seniors for their accomplishments. Students will be recognized for various accomplishments and will be awarded local and national scholarships. Recipients included in the ceremony will be sent an invitation so that parents and other guests can plan to attend as well. Most scholarship recipients will be announced for the first time on this evening. Seniors should notify Mrs. Snyder of any special military scholarship or other non-local scholarship by Friday, April 30, 2021.

Note: This awards program does not include any college merit/athletic scholarship awards.

Final Plans After Graduation

All seniors must return a “Senior 2021 Final Plans” form to Mrs. Snyder by Friday, April 30, 2021. This form asks for your plans after high school, as well as any college scholarships awarded. Please fill out the portion of the form that pertains to your final plans (college, employment, apprenticeship and military). This form will be distributed through Connect after April 2, 2021.

Due to Mrs. Snyder by Friday, April 30, 2021.

Commencement Information

Commencement Practice – Friday, May 21 at 1:00 P.M. – Waynesville High School Stadium

Seniors wishing to participate in commencement on May 22 **must attend and participate in rehearsal on Friday, May 21 in its entirety**. Rehearsal lasts approximately 1 1/2 hours. Seniors who do not attend commencement rehearsal **in its entirety** on May 21 are **NOT** permitted to participate in commencement on Saturday, May 22. Only absences from rehearsal that are pre-approved by the principal are excused! ***Mark this date on your calendar. Everyone must be at the entire rehearsal.** (*WCCC Ceremony for Career Center Students is May 19 at 7PM @Wright State University. WCCC students must be there by 5:30 P.M.*)

Note: Any graduate choosing not to participate in commencement must pick up the “**Non-Participation Walking Paper**” from the main office and complete in full with *parent signature*. This form should be returned to the main office by **May 3**, so the seating arrangements for commencement can be finalized. Diplomas for students not attending commencement may be picked up at the high school starting on Thursday, June 3.

Baccalaureate- Friday, May 21 at 5:00 P.M. – Amphitheatre by the HS Stadium and park

Seniors, families, and friends are invited to Baccalaureate. A primary purpose of Baccalaureate at Waynesville High School is to allow graduating seniors a formal opportunity to recognize their faith and parents during the program. This allows for this moving show of appreciation. The program also features senior speakers who reflect on the past and future and student musical performances. Baccalaureate lasts approximately one hour. Seniors and their parents are encouraged to attend, even though attendance is voluntary. Dress is “Sunday best.”

The Commencement Ceremony

The Waynesville High School commencement will be conducted with dignity and respect. Graduates, parents, and guests are reminded that commencement is a formal ceremony, not a celebration.

1. Commencement will be held on Saturday, May 22, in the Waynesville High School Stadium.

2. Commencement will begin promptly at **7:00 P.M.**

*Gates will open to the public at 6:00 pm. If the ceremony is postponed because of bad weather, it will be announced via “Remind or Final Forms” by 5:30PM on Saturday.

3. Graduates should arrive at **6:15 P.M.**, dressed in their caps and gowns, and report directly to the first floor hallway. Information seating order and etc. will be given to the graduates at practice on May 21, 2021. Rain Date is **Sunday, May 23 at 2PM** (seniors should arrive by 1:15PM). The gates will open at 1PM. The ceremony will be outside weather permitting or inside high school gym with each senior having 2 tickets per family for admittance.

Parents, please - Graduates only in the assigned areas before and after commencement.

Important Graduation Information

1. Seniors are measured for caps and gowns in the fall of their senior year. Students who miss the ordering day need to contact Graduate Services at (513) 272-5890. Caps and gowns will be distributed in the spring during school. Please listen for announcements as to when they can pick them up. Any questions dealing with caps and gowns **must** be directed to Graduate Services.
2. Our graduates use custom made gowns that have been made exclusively for Waynesville High School. These gowns have the school emblem embroidered on them. **These gowns are rented and must be returned following the commencement ceremony.** Graduates will be able to keep their cap, tassel, and medallion.
3. Only honor cords, honor society sashes, and medallions may be worn on or around graduation attire. The gown may not be altered in any way; the cap can be altered for fitting purposes only.
4. Graduates may not bring purses, cell phones, or any other items to carry during the ceremony.
5. Family members and friends in the audience, please be reminded to turn off all cell phones during the ceremony.

Miscellaneous

1. A senior must take a second semester exam if:
 - The senior has a grade of **F** during either the 3rd or 4th quarters in a particular class.
 - The senior wants a higher final grade. If the grade is evenly split between a B 3rd Quarter and a C 4th Quarter, the final grade will be C. If the sequence is in reverse, the final grade will be a B. (i.e. an A 3rd quarter and a B 4th quarter will result in a B final average unless taking the final exam and achieving an A on it).
2. Reminder - Don't forget to check with Mrs. Snyder to make certain the school has updated scholarship and award information. This is a way to make certain you are included in the senior scholarship awards program on May 11. Seniors should confirm this information with Mrs. Snyder **no later** than **April 30**.
3. **Any senior who disrupts or contributes in any way to the disruption of the normal operation during the final days of the school year will be subject to disciplinary action including, but not limited to, being denied participation in commencement on May 22. Any graduate participating in or contributing to inappropriate behavior during the commencement ceremony will be removed from the stadium by the administration or Waynesville Police Department with the possibilities of legal action being pursued.**
4. **Face masks must be worn at all times during the ceremony.**

Important Dates

“Non-Participating Walking Paper” due to the high school main office - - - - -Friday, April 30, 2021

“Senior 2020 Final Plans” worksheet to Mrs. Snyder - - - - -Friday, April 30, 2021

Senior Scholarship Awards Program - - - - - Tuesday, May 11, 2021

6:00 P.M. Waynesville High School Gym

WCCC Awards Ceremony for Career Center Students@ WSU be there by 5:30 P.M - - - - Wednesday, May 19, 2021

Commencement Practice - - - - -Friday, May 21, 2021

1:00 P.M. Waynesville High Stadium

Baccalaureate - - - - - Friday, May 21, 2021

5:00 P.M. Waynesville Amphitheatre by the Stadium & Park

Senior Parade - - - - - Friday, May 21, 2021

6:00 P.M. Meet in parking lot by Transportation Garage (be there by 5:50PM)

Commencement - - - - - Saturday, May 22, 2021

7:00 P.M. Waynesville High School Stadium (seniors arrive at 6:15 P.M.) Rain date is **Sunday, May 23 at 2PM** (seniors arrive at 1:15PM). It will be outside if weather permitting otherwise in the HS Gym with 2 tickets per senior for admittance.