

PLAN for WLS Virtual Graduation and Parade

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Overview –

Due to COVID 19, Wayne Local Schools plans a virtual graduation and parade beginning at or about 6 PM. The virtual graduation will be presented as a live stream that will include both prerecorded portions and live shots of the parade. A separate document will address the contents, layout and plan for the video production. This document will address the plans for the parade and post-parade robe turn in.

Preparation for the parade will begin approximately 1 hour and 10 minutes prior to the start. Students will arrive at designated times and park facing the new elementary school. At 5:50 PM, traffic into the school from Dayton Rd will be stopped and student vehicles will start moving from the back lot to Spartan Way to line up for the parade.

Student Arrivals

Students will arrive in accordance with the attached chart.

Arrival Group #1 will arrive at 4:50

Arrival Group #2 will arrive at 5:25

Post Parade Turn in

The Parade will return to the middle school parking lot. The majority of participants will drive down the side of the parking lot closest to the building and make two stops.

-First stop will have representatives from graduate services on the driver's side of the car to collect the graduate's robe.

-Second stop, Brad Connor and Board Members will present each graduate with their diploma through a driver side window. A photographer will take a picture of the diploma presentation and we recommend that graduate wear their cap for the picture.

Graduates who have staff members as parents or stepparents will proceed down the side of the parking lot closest Dayton Rd. **Staff members will receive an email outlining their presentation.*

All graduates will exit the parking lot onto Spartan Way and then take a right on to Dayton Rd. [Staff members will line Spartan Way to give graduates one last standing ovation as they leave school property as newly minted alumni (you talked about this... not sure if it's going ahead or not)]

Safety rules

In order to conduct the parade safely, there will need to be a number of safety rules for the event. Failure by a student to follow these rules could have both legal consequences and continued participation consequences.

1. Traffic flow will be a “one way” traffic pattern during the event. During line up, cars will move from Dayton Rd on to school property using both lanes. All traffic leaving school property will shut down at 5:00 PM.
2. All people on WLS property, with the exception of those involved with the live stream, will wear a face covering.
3. All participants will remain in their vehicles at all times once on school property and throughout the parade. No one is permitted to sit on the hood of the vehicle or the trunk of the vehicle. Convertibles are ok and a senior may sit on the back seat. Trucks are ok but only one person in the bed of the truck.
4. No Parking signs will go up in downtown Waynesville on Wednesday, May 20.