

Binghamton City School District

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Binghamton High School's commencement ceremonies will be held on Sunday, June 28 at NYSEG Stadium, with a rain date of Monday, June 29. Governor Andrew Cuomo has ordered a maximum of 150 attendees, total, per outdoor graduation ceremony. In compliance with the most recent updates to the guidelines, Binghamton High School will now hold seven separate ceremonies throughout the day. Students will only be able to attend the ceremony that they are assigned to. **There will be no exceptions to this as we must remain within the state guidelines.**

Ceremony 1	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM (Abdallah – Butler)
Ceremony 2	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Caballero – Drayton)
Ceremony 3	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM (Drumm – Harold)
Ceremony 4	3:00 PM – 4:00 PM (Harris – Mason)
Ceremony 5	5:00 PM – 6:00 PM (Massey – Peters)
Ceremony 6	7:00 PM – 8:00 PM (Phongsouthy – Taylor)
Ceremony 7	9:00 PM – 10:00 PM (Terboss – Zhang)

There are specific guidelines that must be followed at each of the ceremonies (Attendees who do not adhere to the guidelines below may be denied access to the ceremony.):

- All attendees at the gathering are required to remain six feet apart from other attendees at all times, excluding immediate family members or household members.
- All attendees at the gathering must wear a mask or face covering at all times, if they are over age two and able to medically tolerate a covering.
- There must not be any person-to-person contact during the celebration. Individuals may not shake hands nor hug anyone other than immediate family members.
- There will be restricted restroom access and no refreshments provided. Please plan accordingly.
- All footwear for staff and students must be flat. No high heels can be worn in order to protect the field.
- Attendees are only allowed to bring one sealed bottle of water into the stadium. No other beverages will be allowed.
- Bags are highly discouraged. If anyone is to bring a bag it will be checked by stadium personnel.
- Parents will be allowed into the stadium 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time and should enter through Gate 2.
- There are no reserved seats as NYSEG Stadium will identify pairs of seats for public occupancy observing social distancing guidelines.

Binghamton High School's Expectations for Graduation (Students who do not adhere to the guidelines below may be denied permission to participate in the ceremony.):

- Only those students who have meet the New York State Graduation requirements will be allowed to participate in graduation.
- Participation in the Binghamton High School Graduation Ceremony is voluntary. Any student who chooses to participate should understand that this will be a formal, dignified ceremony

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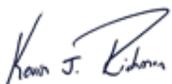
- Students should arrive to the stadium 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time and should enter through Gate 4.
- Student should not bring purses, bags or other articles with them, including flowers. There is nowhere to check them. Students will not be returning to the location that they entered.
- Gentleman - Shirt with collar. Dress slacks. No jeans, no tank tops, no shorts, no sneakers, no sandals. Please wear socks. Suit jacket not required.
- Ladies – No jeans, no shorts, no tank tops, no sneakers, no casual flip flops, no high heels. Please remember the mortarboard when planning hairstyles.
- Students should wear mortarboard solidly on their heads rather than on the back of their head. Tassels are to be worn on right side of the mortarboard throughout entire program.
- No alterations to the gowns will be allowed. This means tape, drawings, corsages, etc. Graduation gowns should be ironed. (Be careful, use a low setting on your iron).
- All mortarboards must adhere to the code of conduct (see attached).
- There must not be any person-to-person contact during the celebration. Individuals may not shake hands nor hug anyone other than immediate family members.
- Diplomas can only be handed from one designated individual to students if both individuals are wearing a face covering and using gloves or applying hand sanitizer between touching of objects.
- Individual students may temporarily remove their masks or face coverings while having their individual photo taken by the district photographer.
- Students should pick up diplomas after the ceremony as they exit the stadium.

We are asking everyone to please pick up their graduation tickets on Monday, June 22nd or Tuesday, June 23rd at the security window at the entrance to Binghamton High School, between the hours of 8:30 and 2:30. You will need to bring ID to pick up the tickets. Only a student or family member of that student will be able to pick up their assigned tickets. Tickets will not be released to anyone else. You will not be able to pick up tickets for friends. Each student will receive 2 tickets. There will be no exceptions to this as we must remain within the state guidelines. The event will be streamed lived.

Additionally, in conjunction with the AfterProm committee, Binghamton High School will be airing a Virtual Prom Party on Friday, June 26th at 7:00 PM. It will be streamed on [EXENT.WEEBLY.COM/bhs](https://www.exent.com/bhs). Prior to the Virtual Prom Party, we will be hosting *Red Carpet Pics in The Park*. Please join us at Rec Park for pictures in prom attire or come casual. Please come by your driver's last name: A-D: 3:00-3:30, E-K: 3:30-4:00, L-R: 4:00-4:30, S-Z: 4:30-5:00. Cars should enter from Beethoven Street. Please make sure to be wearing a mask and practice social distancing at all times. We ask that all participants exit the area once they have taken their pictures so that we remain within all state guidelines. All prizes from the Virtual Prom Party can be picked up at Binghamton High School on June 27th from the Oak Street courtyard from 11-2. Please bring your ID.

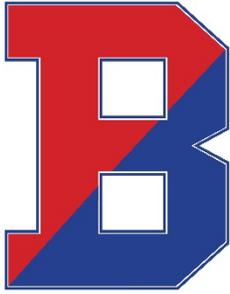
Binghamton High School and district personnel are working diligently to provide our graduates with the most authentic and memorable commencement experience possible while being respectful of the ongoing health crisis. We appreciate your patience, flexibility, and understanding.

Sincerely,



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Binghamton City School District **Code of Conduct**

Student Dress Code:

Individual students and their parents or guardians bear the responsibility for student dress and general appearance. Students are required to attend school in appropriate dress, grooming, and appearance that meet health and safety standards, and that do not interfere with the educational process.

Clothing, attire, notebooks, personal property, or any manner of grooming, which has an expression (e.g., phrase, word or words) or insignia (e.g., picture, symbol, patch, or pin) which contains the following will not be permitted: Alcohol, tobacco, and/or other drug references; libelous statements, unfounded charges or accusations; obscenity, defamation of persons, discriminatory or false statements, or plagiarism; vulgarity, subject matter advocating racial or religious prejudice, hatred, or violence; the breaking of laws and school policies and regulations; subject matter promoting sexual or other harassment, or which, itself, may reasonably lead to disruption of the educational process or that is not consistent with the basic educational mission of the schools.

This includes, but is not limited to, apparel, jewelry, accessories, or any manner of grooming which, by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark, or other attribute, is reasonably perceived, or intended, to intimidate, threaten, incite violence, reflect gang affiliation, or membership in a group that advocates drug use or other illegal or violent activity.

The administration is authorized to take action in instances where individual dress does not meet the stated requirements. If the administrator determines that a student is found wearing impermissible attire, the student may be required to remove, cover, or return home, after parent/guardian contact, and change clothes prior to returning to class. Failure to comply shall also constitute insubordination.

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