

# Westside High School Class of 2022-End of Year Information

## SENIOR EXAMS

May 12<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> (Make-ups May 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>)

## COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Commencement exercises will be held at Westside High School at the Battlefield on Thursday, May 26th, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

## PARTICIPATION IN GRADUATION EXERCISES

Participation in all senior activities is a privilege. Students who have discipline problems may be prohibited from participating in graduation.

In order to participate in graduation exercises, students must meet all requirements for the Georgia High School Diploma, or a Special Education Certificate. A student may participate in graduation exercises only once.

**DIPLOMAS CAN BE HELD FOR ANY STUDENT MISBEHAVING DURING THE CEREMONY.**

## TICKETS

There will not be any ticket restrictions this graduation year. We will use both sides of the stadium and seating is on a first come first serve basis. There should be plenty of seats in the stadium to get a good view of the ceremony. No balloons or noisemakers will be allowed during graduation.

## PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEO

All photography/video must be made from the seats. No one is allowed to leave his/her seat for this purpose. Cameras must be handheld, as tripods and light banks may not be set up or used. Videos of the graduation ceremony will be available and live streamed. The school will be providing a photographer who will take graduation pictures for purchase. After the ceremony has finished, feel free to take as many pictures as you wish.

## PRACTICE SCHEDULE -Practice Is REQUIRED.

\*\*Mandatory Practice: May 25, 2022 at 8:30am beginning in the new gym. Practice generally lasts an 1½-2 hours.

You are REQUIRED to be at practice in order to participate in the graduation exercises. Additionally, any student misbehaving at practice will be asked to leave. Dr. Smith is the ONLY person who can excuse a graduate from rehearsal.

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## GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

### ARRIVAL TIME

**Graduation:** You will need to be checked in at the Stadium by 8:00 a.m. already properly dressed. Your dress will be inspected. You will not be allowed to walk with your class and enter the stadium if you violate the dress code in any way. You may not wait and line up when you see the procession line moving.

**\*\*\*ATTIRE:** Graduates not meeting these dress requirements will not take part in the ceremony.\*\*\*

Proper dress is a requirement for taking part in graduation. Nothing is to be worn on the cap except the tassel or on the gown except cap and cords issued by the administration. NO badges, pins, jewelry, flowers, etc. Articles such as flowers, purses, books, etc. may not be carried. Graduation programs will be placed in the seats prior to the graduation program.

**LADIES:** Please wear a dress that cannot be seen below the gown. Shoes should be black dress shoes with flat soles. You will be walking on grass. We have no place to store valuables.

**GENTLEMEN:** A solid white dress shirt and a plain, dark tie (dark blue or black). Also, dark trousers (dark blue or black), dark socks, and black or dark brown dress shoes are required. Jackets are not required.

**CAP:** The cap is to be worn over the forehead so that the mortarboard is level. It is not to be cocked to one side or placed on the back of the head. The front of the cap is indicated on the inside of the crown. Gentlemen are to remove caps during the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem, and the Alma Mater.

**TASSELS:** Tassels are worn on the right front of the cap.

### REMINDERS

- ❖ You will not receive your diploma until after the ceremony in the line-up area outside the stadium.
- ❖ These are formal occasions to honor you. You are to act accordingly and save the celebrating until after the ceremonies. Please remind those you invite to remain seated and not to walk around during the ceremony. Also, family or individual demonstrations when a student is receiving a diploma is discouraged because it disrupts the progress of graduation. When a person or group yells and claps for one graduate, another graduate's family will not be able to hear their graduate's name called.
- ❖ Gum chewing is prohibited. All gum should be discarded before entering the processional. Cell phones are prohibited during the ceremony.
- ❖ The Student Code of Conduct's regulations are in effect before, during, and after the graduation ceremony.