

Willows Intermediate School

FOR 8TH GRADE PARENTS

GRADUATION GUIDELINES 2021-22 School Year

Following is a list of details that seem lengthy, but necessary to insure an evening of celebration, pride and poise:

1. Students who do not meet the district's promotion requirements will be notified no later than Thursday June 9th, and will not be able to participate in the end-of-year graduation ceremony.
2. Graduation practice will occur Wednesday and Thursday mornings, so it's important that graduates are at school.
3. Gowns will be checked out to graduates on Thursday, June 9th at 12:45pm. This will allow time for pressing, if needed. Extreme care should be used when pressing. Others will use the gowns in the future.
4. Gowns must be checked back in the WIS office after graduation and prior to the dance. Diplomas and report cards will be issued at the end of the day on Friday. Either the gown (in good condition) or \$25 will be due before students receive their actual diplomas.
5. On Thursday, June 9th, the 8th grade graduates will be dismissed from school at 12:45 p.m. and are required to meet in the corridor of the high school gym no later than 6:45 p.m. that evening; graduation ceremony will start at 7:30 p.m. sharp!
6. Boys should wear full length pants and a shirt with a collar under the gown. Girls should wear dresses, skirts and blouses, or nice dress pants under the gown.
7. If students choose to wear clothes under their gowns "other" than what they will wear to the dance, that's okay.
8. Corsages or boutonnieres will not be furnished by the school. If students wish to "carry" a hand corsage during the ceremony, that is permissible. Corsages or boutonnieres may not, however, be pinned to the gowns. Students should all look uniform. We plan on the gowns being used for many years to come.
9. The "dance" will begin at 9 p.m. at the WIS Cafeteria. No students other than "graduates" will be admitted. All parents are "welcome" and encouraged to attend. The dance will be supervised by Mr. Harris and Mr. Huntley along with several parent chaperones. The dance ends promptly at 11:00 p.m.
10. There is no formal dress code for the "dance" other than the same dress code we enforce at school. Short-shorts or extremely short skirts are not allowed.
11. Once a graduate is inside the dance, they must "stay". The same rules that apply to all WIS dances will be enforced.

In summary, we are looking forward to an evening of pride and enjoyment for graduates and their families. We ask that graduates, with encouragement from their families, conduct themselves in an exemplary manner throughout this evening of celebration.