



# Whitehouse High School

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## 2021 Graduation Information

The Whitehouse High School graduation ceremony is scheduled for Friday, May 28th at 8:30 p.m. at Wildcat Stadium. We are excited to have the opportunity to recognize and celebrate your accomplishments. Below you will find information regarding guidelines and procedures to make this once in a lifetime event special and memorable.

- *In the event the ceremony cannot be held as planned, a contingency plan will be communicated out to families via eNotes, district website, and social media sites.*
- *A live broadcast of the graduation ceremony can be accessed on the Whitehouse ISD website, [www.whitehouseisd.org](http://www.whitehouseisd.org).*
- *Anyone with the following signs or symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend the ceremony.*
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Chills
  - Muscle pain
  - Headache
  - Sore throat
  - Loss of taste or smell
  - Diarrhea
  - Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
  - Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19 if exposure to the active confirmed case occurred within the last 14 days
- *There will be a mandatory meeting for all graduates who plan to participate in the graduation ceremony on Monday, May 24 in the Auditorium during Advisory (12:25 - 1:00 p.m.). Graduates not in attendance for the meeting will not participate in the graduation ceremony. The day prior to graduation, a map of assigned seating for graduates will be shared with the graduating class through their school email.*
- *The stadium gates will open at 7:00 p.m. There will be no limit to the number of guests per graduate, and no ticket is needed for entry. Seating is on a first-come basis. It is the personal responsibility of each guest to determine if they should wear a mask. Social distancing inside and outside the stadium is encouraged. Designated handicapped parking and seating will be available on both the home and visitor side of the stadium. Balloons, noisemakers, and signs that would obstruct the view of others or distract from the ceremony will not be allowed in the stadium. Guests will not be allowed to stand at the rails or on the stairs during the ceremony.*
- *We ask that graduates be dropped off at the stadium and report to the field house no later than 7:15 p.m. Only graduates and faculty members will be allowed in the field house. Graduates will not be allowed to leave the field house once they enter.*
- *Graduates will need to enter the field house in their cap with their gown in hand. No personal items will be allowed in the field house. Graduates will be given a mask to wear in the field house. Graduates will not be allowed to bring their own mask. Graduates will have the option to*

*wear the provided mask during the ceremony or to dispose of it prior to the procession.*

*Alterations or designs to your cap or gown will not be allowed.*

- *Ladies are encouraged to wear a dress with dress shoes that are appropriate for the graduation ceremony. Dresses should be an appropriate length. Spiked heels will damage the turf and will not be allowed on the field.*
- *Gentlemen are encouraged to wear a solid color shirt, slacks, necktie, and dress shoes. Facial hair should be neatly groomed.*
- *All graduates must have a natural hair color and no facial piercings to participate in the ceremony.*
- *Graduates will be presented a diploma cover when they cross the stage. A picture will be taken after they exit the stage and can be purchased through Lifetouch. Graduates will receive an order form at the graduation meeting. Graduates can pay for their pictures on the day of graduation or order pictures online before or after the ceremony.*
- *Printed copies of the graduation ceremony program will not be provided the day of graduation. Guests can access the graduation ceremony program on the district website and a QR code will be available upon entry into the stadium. We will mail each graduate 5 copies of the program with their diploma. Diplomas and programs for graduates with unpaid fines will not be mailed and will be held until the fines are paid. Fines can be paid in the front office.*
- *At the conclusion of the ceremony, graduates will be recessed off the field to their assigned exit. Guests will not be allowed on the field.*
- *Graduates are expected to conduct themselves appropriately to make the ceremony a formal and rewarding time for all the graduates and their family and friends. The Whitehouse High School Code of Conduct will be followed during the ceremony. Graduates who fail to meet the expectations for the graduation ceremony may be denied participation.*

**Congratulations on your achievement as a Whitehouse Wildcat and the accomplishment of earning your high school diploma. This is not the ending but is a great milestone in your educational career. I know that you have a great future in store and you will do great things! On behalf of the entire high school staff: You will be missed and best wishes!**

**Sincerely,**

**Josh Garred  
Principal**