

Grand Island High School Graduation Information



REVISED PLEASE READ

GIHS Graduation June 28, 2020 at 9:30am

Please arrive at 8:30am with your gold ticket and parking pass.

The map below shows the parking lot arrangement and turn around loop for graduation at Beaver Island State Park.



- **Enclosed are your tickets for free admission/parking to Beaver Island State Park and a GOLD ticket for graduation parking. You will need the GOLD ticket to park in the area designated for the graduates. PLEASE BRING THESE TICKETS WITH YOU ON JUNE 28TH TO BEAVER ISLAND and arrive at 8:30am.**
- A card (provided) with your name on it should be placed in the passenger side front window when you enter the park. GRADUATES MUST SIT ON PASSENGER SIDE OF THE CAR (FRONT OR BACK)
- A 3X5 Index card (provided) will be used to write your name phonetically for the advisors to read as you cross the stage.
- Vehicles must be able to fit into a regular parking space. No trailers, RV's, or limousines will be allowed to park with the graduates. Those approved to have two vehicles, please arrive together so that you can be parked FRONT TO BACK to allow both cars to follow the graduate to the stage when called.
- **WE WILL LIVE STREAM THIS EVENT! Here is the link for the livestream.**
<https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/events/wny-athletics/evtc77e805126>

That morning or sooner please LIKE the WNY Athletics Page on Facebook. The ceremony will be live streamed on this page on FB as well for friends and family.

- RADIO TRANSMISSION. We will also have audio on an FM station (88.5 FM) for you to hear the ceremony when you are at the park if you cannot see the stage.
- It is important to follow all social distancing guidelines and remain in your vehicles as per the NYS Governor. Restroom use will be allowed.

ROLL CALL OF GRADUATES: Once the roll call of graduates begins, cars will be dismissed by the attendants in an orderly pattern as shown in Dr. Graham's graduation video. Please watch the link below: <https://screencast-o-matic.com/watch/cYhuD8pT3c>

When each car is signaled by the attendant, it will approach the staging area. If you have a second approved vehicle it should follow. The graduate will be directed to exit the car and hand the index card with their name on it to the class advisor. Once the name is read, each graduate will walk onto the stage and receive a diploma cover. A professional photographer will be taking each graduates picture, which you may view and order at www.aaronbobeckphoto.com

Once the student gets back into their vehicle, the car will drive up to the Falconwood Clubhouse to pick up their envelope containing an individualized diploma and any other awards from the guidance counselors. From there, they will follow the loop to reenter the parking lot to watch your classmates walk the stage.

Reminders for the day of:

- Please dress appropriately. You will be photographed and it will be a live stream event. Wear shoes that are nice, but comfortable. No flip flops or shorts.
- Do not decorate your cap as our photographer will be taking professional photos. Tassels go on the Right of your cap until you are directed to move them over. Decorate your car! Feel free to place a blue heart somewhere on it to show support for the Class of 2020. Please make sure your decorations do not obscure others' ability to see the ceremony.



- Please wear a mask when you cannot appropriately social distance. You do not need to wear it for your picture on stage. You must wear a mask to use the restroom facilities.
- You will not be in alphabetical order, it is important you have your index card with you and your name spelled phonetically for the advisors to read as you want your name read on stage.

Any questions? Please email cherylchamberlain@gicsd.org

Please be aware of the guidelines below from the NYS Department of Health:

• Drive-through Graduation: Students, and only immediate family members who reside in the same household, should arrive by assigned time. Individual students may exit the car individually, in their cap and gown if available, to walk across a stage in their cap and gown and have a photo taken. However single-direction flow should be marked to cross the graduation stage or take a photo, and the standing locations of graduates waiting to cross the graduation stage or take a photo must be clearly marked to ensure all individuals remain at least six feet apart at all times. There must not be person-to-person contact during the celebration. Individuals may not shake hands. Diplomas, or any other items, can only be handed from one designated individual (e.g. superintendent, principal) to students if they are wearing a face covering and either using gloves or applying hand sanitizer between touching of objects. Otherwise, diplomas, or any other items, should be pre-arranged for students to retrieve them without direct interaction with other individuals. Any individual in attendance must wear a mask or face covering. Individual students may remove their masks or face coverings while crossing the award area or having their individual photo taken by the district or school. There should be restricted restroom access and no refreshments provided to prevent areas of congregation and additional areas to monitor. Students and families should be advised in advance that restroom facilities will be limited and refreshments will not be provided. Any individual (e.g. student, family, faculty, staff) must wear a face covering when in attendance. As noted above, students may momentarily remove their face covering for pictures provided that they maintain appropriate social distancing from other individuals.