



Hicksville Public Schools

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May 25, 2021

Dear 8th Grade Hicksville Middle School Parents, Guardians, and Students:

Due to our current situation, our middle school commencement will occur in two parts so that we can provide students and families with an opportunity to commemorate the journey that our 8th grade students have taken with all of us at the middle school.

We will be providing our students with two graduation experiences. A video montage is being created that contains many of the elements of our traditional ceremony. We will have several speakers who will address our graduates virtually and we will also be recognizing our students who would be honored with special awards at graduation like our valedictorian, salutatorian, Triple C, Comptroller and PTSA awards and three year perfect attendance awards. The video will also include a musical selection by members of our chorus and our ASL club. We hope to post the video by Friday, June 25th.

In addition, we will be providing an on-site graduation experience. On the morning of **June 25th**, all 8th grade students and families will be invited to the middle school on a staggered schedule. The schedule is included in this communication and posted to the district website as well.

The commencement activity will be conducted on the front lawn of the building. Please follow the directions below:

- Each family will arrive at the middle school during their scheduled time. Please do not park in the bus loop. Please park on the perimeter of the building or side streets.
- Each family will line up in the bus loop maintaining distances of 6 feet between each group of family members. Faculty and staff will be present to assist with the line up.
- When directed, each family will move to the base of the auditorium steps.
- The graduating student will ascend the steps to receive their diploma and their HMS string bag.
- Parents are invited to take a photo as their student comes down the steps.
- The graduating student and their family members will then pass through a reverse processional of their teachers and staff members on the front lawn of the middle school.
- At the end of the reverse processional, each student and their family members may take additional photos on the lawn in front of the small gym. Once pictures are taken, families are asked to vacate the front lawn to make space available for other families.

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Throughout this event, all participants are asked to maintain distances of six feet between other families and participants. Masks should be worn especially when the social distance is not able to be maintained.

Your attendance at this commencement event is voluntary and we are hopeful that you can join us for a unique send off for our amazing 8th grade Hicksville Middle School Class of 2021. You will have the opportunity to take photos to memorialize this experience so student attire should accommodate your preferences as a family.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Principal

***Staggered Arrival Schedule for the
Hicksville Middle School On-Site Graduation Experience
Friday, June 25, 2021***

Arrival Window	Students with Last Name Beginning with:
9:30-10:00	A-Col
10:00-10:30	Con-Gue
10:30-11:00	Gui-Lof
11:00-11:30	Lop-Os
11:30-12:00	Pa-Se
12:00-12:30	Sh-Z