8th Grade Promotion Question and Answer Sheet

Dates & Times:

Eighth Grade Promotion (In Waterford): Tuesday, May 19, 2026 - Mandatory practice check in at 3:00 pm and ceremony at 7:00 pm.

Day of Promotion Timeline:

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3:00 pm Students Check In At the Gymnasium
3:30 pm Ticket window will be open up for the evening
5:30 pm Clear area of all guests (not students or staff) No saving of seats!
5:30 - 6:00 pm Students' break for snack, bathroom and changing
6:00 - 6:10 pm Students line up for the group photo
6:15 - 6:30 pm Student group photo
6:30 pm Doors Open for Promotion Ceremony **No flowers, balloons, leis, gifts, noise makers, confetti, glitter, streamer cannons, or party poppers are allowed at the event site. No exceptions.**
7:00 pm Promotion ceremony begins **Graduates cannot leave the premises between 3:00 PM and the end of the ceremony. All attendees (including toddlers and infants) need a ticket for entry to the Promotion event, except for the graduate.**

Students are not allowed to leave the premises from 3:00 pm until after the ceremony is over.

Tickets are necessary for each person (including toddlers and infants) to enter the Eighth Grade Promotion (with the exception of the graduate)

All tickets are only given out at the actual promotion and not before.

Location: Waterford High School Gymnasium, 121 S. Reinway Ave. Waterford, CA 95386. The Waterford High School Gymnasium is a beautiful facility and since we are one of the schools in the Waterford Unified School District, we are able to use this facility at no cost to our school.

All forms can be found on the Parent/Graduation page for all CWCS schools:

CW Graduation Information
CV Graduation Information
CWEB Graduation Information

Participation Survey Forms: Link can be found on the Parent/Graduation page above.

2026 Eighth Grade Promotion Participation Survey

Letters to the graduates: Can be found on the Parent/Graduation page above.

Cap & Gown: No cap and gown for eighth grade participates in the promotion

Comment Cards: Parents of students and / or students will need to complete this portion of the participation survey form “Achievements & goals” **(Required)** (Please try to keep it approximately 25 words or less in complete sentences & spell out any words that may be abbreviated)

8th Grade Certificates: Certificates are **not issued to** students who do not participate.

Incomplete survey participation forms: Will not be accepted by the school office and the family will be asked to resubmit a new survey.

Funding: In order to cover basic promotion needs $36.00 will be deducted from each participating student's instructional funding. If you choose not to participate and have this deducted from the student funding you will need to email Mary Vinnedge by November 3, 2025 at cwcsgraduation@cwcharter.org . (This is only in the event you have actually turned in the participation form)

Performances/Speeches: We are providing the opportunity for one or more of the student participants to give a short 3 - 5 minute speech during the promotion/graduation ceremony. The topic of the speech will be provided by the school by January 16, 2026. **All performances and speeches must be received by 3:30 pm on March 3, 2026 to the school office to be considered.** We would also like for our students to share their talent at promotion/graduation. The talent should be representative of what was learned or enhanced through school teachers and/or vendors. In the past, students have played musical instruments, sang, and given a ballet performance. All performances will need to be submitted with a YouTube link for review. Please notify Mary Vinnedge by email at cwcsgraduation@cwcharter.org prior to March 3, 2026 if you wish to give a speech or perform for consideration. The promotion/graduation performance committee will choose and approve the performances and speeches for the promotion/graduation. Any performances must be non-sectarian and representative of classes paid for by CWCS. May this year be an exciting and productive year for all of you! If you have any promotion questions, concerns or comments please contact Mary Vinnedge by email at cwcsgraduation@cwcharter.org . **Any performances or speeches emailed to an incorrect email address will not be accepted for any reason. It is your responsibility to follow up by email to confirm received prior to the deadline date.**

Eighth Grade student Attire: Boys – Dress or collared shirt and slacks (no blue jeans), Girls – If wearing a dress, please have modest lengths & coverage**. Please adhere to the CWCS Dress Code, which means no hats and no flip flops. CWCS School Dress Code Link . Any inappropriate items will be removed from the**

graduate. CWCS is not responsible for any lost or stolen items. <u>Students cannot wear leis, sashes, etc. unless it has been provided by the school.</u>

<u>Connecting Waters Charter Schools students are expected to dress and behave at the school activities in ways that display the proper ideals of courtesy, ethical conduct, and school spirit. Violations may result in immediate removal from or denial of admittance to the activity.</u>

<u>No pets are allowed on the event site:</u> With the exception of service animals (ADA Requirement)

<u>No confetti, glitter or streamer cannons or party poppers allowed on the event site:</u> No exception!

<u>Tickets:</u> Eighth Grade Promotion - Amount of tickets requested for attendees which was previously requested on the student's participation survey submitted. (Guaranteed Maximum 10) **The number of tickets could vary depending upon participation.** (The maximum number of tickets that can be requested is 12 tickets. No exceptions.) No adjustments can be made to the amount of tickets requested after March 3, 2026 which was previously requested on the student's participation form submitted. **Tickets are necessary for each person (including toddlers and infants) to enter the** Eighth Grade Promotion**! (With the exception of the graduate)** Parents or guardians can pick up tickets at the ticket window starting at approximately 3:30 pm. They will be given the amount of tickets that you have already requested on the participation form that was sent in. We cannot replace lost or misplaced tickets once they have been picked up. **All tickets are only given out at the actual graduation and not before.**

Depending on Covid Pandemic state school guidelines at the time of the promotion ceremony, guest ticket numbers may be reduced.

<u>Photographer:</u> Leonard Photography will be at the ceremony to take individual promotion pictures, if you want to purchase a package. A group promotion picture will also be taken and may be added to a picture package. Packages start at approximately $52.00. For more information, please contact them directly at 209-824-0204. Group pictures will be provided for the newspaper and put on social media. If you don't want to be part of those used for social media to let the on-site staff know prior to the group photo.

<u>Food/Snack for students:</u> Only Store Bought Items Allowed - They must be individually packaged.*

Suggestions: Just individual packaged Finger Food Please*
Store bought mini assorted types of individual packaged sandwiches*

Store bought individual packaged bagged snacks
Store bought individual packaged fruit snacks*
Store bought individual packaged veggie snacks*
Store bought individual packaged healthy snacks*
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If you are bringing snacks for the promotion - Please keep in mind that there is no refrigerator for storage of any kind, no area for food preparation, and no sink or running water nearby (except the restrooms). So the food should arrive no later than 5:30 pm and be ready to serve. A volunteer survey link will be emailed to you to bring snacks with the item(s) you will be bringing.

Important dates to remember:

Nov. 3 - 8th grade promotion participation information forms due
Jan. 16 - The topic of the speech will be provided by the school.
Jan. 27- 8th grade promotion participation information forms due for late enrollees
Mar. 3 - Deadline to have student promotion speeches or performances due to the school office
May 19 - 8th grade promotion mandatory practice check in at 3:00 pm and 8th grade promotion at 7:00 pm

If you do not submit your participation form by the deadline date, your student will not be able to participate in the ceremony and honorees and acknowledgements will not appear on the program. Deadlines are final and there are no exceptions due to the necessary preplanning for this event.

Ceremony Etiquette:

We would like the ceremony to be memorable for you and your family.

- ✔ Please silence your cell phones.
- ✔ Please hold your applause until after the student's name and note card is read.
- ✔ Please be courteous and do not talk during the ceremony.
- ✔ Please remain seated throughout the entire ceremony.
- ✔ Please give gifts, flowers and balloons to the student after the ceremony.
- ✔ Please keep your children in their seats during the ceremony.
- ✔ Please do not use any noise makers: party horns, cow bells, etc.
- ✔ Please do not use any type of confetti, glitter or streamer cannons or party poppers before, during or after the ceremony.
- ✔ Please do not bring any food or drink into the gym (only water is allowed)

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Directions:

From Manteca:

Take South 99 to the Briggsmore exit in Modesto. From the exit turn left onto Briggsmore. Take Briggsmore to Claus approximately 6 ½ miles. Turn right onto Claus. Take Claus to Yosemite approximately 2 miles. Turn left onto Yosemite. Take Yosemite to Reinway Ave. in Waterford approximately 8 ½ miles. Turn right onto Reinway. The High School will be immediately on your right.

From Turlock:

Take Geer Road north to Yosemite Ave. Turn right onto Yosemite. Take Yosemite to Reinway Ave. in Waterford approximately 4 miles. Turn right onto Reinway. The High School will be immediately on your right. Approximately 25 minutes from downtown Turlock.

From Modesto:.

Take Briggsmore Ave. East to Claus. Turn right onto Claus. Take Claus to Yosemite approximately 2 miles. Turn left onto Yosemite. Take Yosemite to Reinway Ave. in Waterford approximately 8 ½ miles. Turn right onto Reinway. The High School will be immediately on your right.

From Merced:

Take North 99 to the Shanks / Delhi Exit. Turn right onto Shanks. Take Shanks to Vincent. Turn left on Vincent. Take Vincent to East Ave. Turn right on East Ave. Take East Ave. to Hickman Road. Turn left on Hickman Road. Take Hickman Road to Yosemite Ave. in Waterford. Turn left on Yosemite Ave. Take Yosemite Ave. to Reinway Ave. Turn left on Reinway Ave. The High School will be immediately to your right. Approximately 1 hour from Merced.

From Valley Springs:

Head northeast on California St/CA-12 towards Laurel St. Turn right onto Jenny Lind Rd. Jenny Lind Rd becomes Milton Rd. Milton Rd becomes E. Sonora Rd. E. Sonora Rd. becomes 26 Mile Rd/Twenty Six Mile Rd. Turn left on CA-120. Stay straight to go onto S. Yosemite Ave. S. Yosemite Ave. becomes Albers Rd. Turn left onto Yosemite

Blvd/CA-132. Turn right onto S. Reinway Ave is on the right. Approximately 1 hour and 5 minutes from Valley Springs.

Please email Mary Vinnedge at cwcsgraduation@cwcharter.org if you have any additional questions or concerns.