



June 2, 2025

We are in the final exciting days before graduation for our seniors! Please save this and read it carefully as it contains all the dates and details you need. This and past information is always available on the [Graduation Information Page](#) on our website.

Events leading up to Graduation:

1. Complete the Senior Experience.

[Review this document for a “to do” list](#) and all the requirements related to the Senior Experience, including the following documents to submit:

- Time log of hours, photo, Final Reflection/Proof of Work
- Plan to present at the Senior Experience Showcase: 6/6 or 6/9, 11:00 - 1:00 Main Gym

2. Cap and Gown Pickup (library)

Seniors should come on 6/6 between 10:30 - 12:00. You can coordinate this with your Showcase presentation if you like. If you can't come on 6/6 before 12:00, go to the main office.

3. Falcons Return to the Nest

Seniors will wear their Caps & Gowns and visit their feeder elementary schools. They take a bus from FLHS to all arrive together and the schools will greet their former students and celebrate their accomplishment!

[Make sure to sign up here so we know you are participating.](#)

Dates are:

Fri 6/6 - 1:15 p.m: Osborn Hill. Start on front patio of FLHS.

Mon 6/9 - 1:15 p.m: Dwight, Holland Hill, Mill Hill, **Riverfield*** and Sherman: Start on front patio of FLHS.

***Note change of Riverfield from Friday to Monday**

4. Scholar-Athlete College Signing Day (for those planning to play collegiate athletics). Monday June 9 starting at 3:00 p.m. (and various times). [Sign up here.](#)

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Graduation Orientation, Senior Picnic, and Rehearsal - Tues June 10

- Meet in the Auditorium at **11:15** to review important graduation details.
- We will have a free picnic on the front lawn at 12:00 (Super Duper Weenie Truck)
- ~~-Rehearsal 1:00 – 2:15. All Seniors must attend. Report to Homeroom at 1:00.~~ **This is now moved to Wednesday at 11:00 due to inclement weather.**

Wed June 11

Graduation Rehearsal at 11:00 a.m - 12:30 p.m. Report to Homeroom at 11:00.

Tickets will be distributed at the end of the rehearsal. If an emergency prevents attendance, a family member can pick up the tickets in the main office after 2:30 p.m. on June 11.

Ceremony Information

- Students should arrive at 5:00 p.m. wearing their caps and gowns and report to Homeroom.
- Guests may enter Taft Field Stadium at 5:00 p.m.
- **Ceremony starts at 6:00 p.m.**
- Seating is general admission in the stands and on the track/ground level.
- Accessible (disability) seating available by request to the school secretary-please email Mrs. Mattio at rmattio@fairfieldschools.org by Friday 6/6.
- Graduates will be seated together by homeroom on the turf field.
- Rain location: FLHS gymnasiums and auditorium (Determination of a delay/indoor ceremony will take place by 11:00 a.m., June 11)

Parking and Arrival Information

Parking is available in the rear lot (student lot), and the main staff lots of FLHS and RLMS. There is no general guest parking in the front loop or along the Webster wing (reserved for faculty). Accessible parking passes will be distributed with tickets (passes are pre-arranged with the main office). Please see the map at the end of the letter for all parking options. Late arrivals can park at Tomlinson Middle School where we will have a shuttle to the stadium. Please do not park on side roads around the school (except Mill Plain), these are No Parking Zones and patrons have been ticketed in the past!

Guests may enter the stadium at two locations: the main entrance by the gyms or the side entrance near Sturges Ridge on the far side of the bleachers. Ushers will be verifying one ticket per guest. If space is available, **non-ticket holders may be allowed in as space allows** (only for an outdoor ceremony) in compliance with fire code. This will take place after the opening procession (~6:15 p.m.)

Large bags, backpacks and coolers are not allowed (other than medically necessary). Please do not bring signs or balloons that will obstruct the view of others.

Live Streaming

The ceremony will be broadcast live at [FLHS LIVESTREAM Graduation Link](#). It will not be “live” until 5:00 p.m. on June 11. It will also be available at our [Graduation Homepage link](#).

Pre-purchased Flowers/Gifts- Pick up at the ceremony

Guests can pre-purchase flowers and other gifts to be picked up upon arrival to the ceremony to give to graduates. Proceeds go to the Junior Class to help them get a good start on their senior year. Purchases

can be made here: <https://www.thecomencementgroup.com/fairfieldludlowehs/>

Photography

On the day of graduation, 2 photos will be taken of students in their full cap and gown: 1. crossing the stage and 2. an off-stage, formal pose. Guests are not allowed to approach the stage during the ceremony. Unauthorized unmanned aerial photography (e.g.drones) are not allowed. When the ceremony is over, guests are free to take as many photos as they like with friends, family, and faculty. *Photography by Roman* will be providing a website to view all the photos taken during the event. We will email the link within a day or two after the ceremony.

Calling Order - Conferring of the Diplomas

This is the order of how names will be called to cross the stage. Please make sure you know your child's house and homeroom. Students will be called alphabetically within their homeroom.

First House: Warner	Second House: Wright	Third House: Webster
Homerooms:	Homerooms:	Homerooms:
325 Parker	227 Poole	262 Sherman
329 K. Smith	226 Theisen	255 Strauss
331 Kennedy	225 Newberg	284 Lin
318 Moir	220 McIntosh-Newsom	283 Merturi
317 Goepfrich	214 Mazzabufi	151 Grissom
303 Spalding	205 Hogarth	142 Marcucilli

Conduct of graduates and guests

Students who meet all graduation requirements are entitled to a diploma, but walking in the ceremony is a privilege. Students who do not exhibit traits of good citizenship may not be allowed to participate in the ceremony. Guests engaging in inappropriate behavior will be escorted by the Fairfield Police off campus. There is NO SMOKING of any kind on campus, which includes vaping, cigars, and cigarettes.

Dress Code

We ask that all students wear clothing respectful of the occasion, including appropriate coverage and footwear. Students should also wear the keepsake class bracelet or class necktie provided as part of the cap and gown package. Students inappropriately dressed will not march. Decorating the mortar board of the cap is allowed, but must still meet all Handbook provisions (no references to drinking, drugs, weapons, or violence). Please also respect others that are seated behind you (no tall structures).

Plan for Rain

Any changes to the plan will be made by 11:00 a.m. (which may include a change of start time or a relocation to an indoor ceremony). Messages would be sent through Parent Square/email. The primary location for an indoor ceremony will be the main gymnasium for the ceremony, and extra seating will be made available in the auxiliary gym and auditorium where the ceremony will be broadcast live. All families will receive two tickets for the main gymnasium. Tickets will be clearly labeled with the appropriate location: main gym (blue) auxiliary gym (gray), or auditorium (white). All colors are accepted at the outdoor ceremony.

Topics not covered in this letter may be covered in a prior communication. Visit our [Graduation Home Page](#).

Hard to believe it's here... but here we are! Congratulations to all graduates and their families.

- Greg C. Hatzis, Head Principal

Map of FLHS Graduation Ceremony/Parking

