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Asheville High School

School of Inquiry and Life Sciences

Good evening Cougar Families (and families of soon to be Graduates!)

Below is the information you will need to navigate our Graduation Ceremony. We are so very proud of our students and excited to celebrate our students as they culminate their thirteen year educational journey.

We are carefully watching the weather for graduation practice in the morning. Students please continue to monitor your school email, and we will send out information to parents via the all-call system.

The administration and faculty request your assistance in keeping this graduation ceremony free of interruptions so that each graduate will have the opportunity to be honored.

1. The stadium will open at **5:30 pm** to give you adequate time to find seating. Please do NOT hold rows and blocks of seats. Our stadium is large, but we want to be respectful to all by allowing people to sit where there are seats available when they arrive.
2. There will be an increased security presence at graduation this year. All visitors will be checked through security upon entrance to the stadium. Security personnel will be using wand metal detectors and bags will be checked. Balloons, noisemakers, signs, and umbrellas are prohibited in the stadium. Any items that will block or restrict the view of others are not permitted. The **entry gates will be closed as the ceremony begins** so please plan accordingly.
3. **General admission parking is available at the AB Tech** parking lot behind the home stadium stands which is accessible from Victoria Road and also in the parking deck and other lots on the AB Tech campus. Please see the diagram for parking locations.
 - a. [Guest Parking Document](#):
4. Handicap Parking- handicapped guests and family members of seniors attending the commencement ceremony are requested to arrive early. Handicap access to the stadium is available but limited. Guests will park in the lot across from the student parking lot. Once parked, a golf cart will take guests to the stadium and bring them back at the end of graduation. Seating for handicap guests will be at the top of the stands on the visitors side of the field.
5. **All attendees must have a graduation ticket.** Tickets will be collected at the door. Graduates can pick up tickets at the end of the ceremony for keepsakes.
6. Please remain silent during the awarding of diplomas. Refrain from shouting or cheering for individual graduates. Each parent and guest deserves to hear the name of their graduate called.
7. Under no circumstances may anyone come on the field of the stadium during the ceremony. Violators will be escorted from the stadium by security.
8. Turn off all electronic devices that might interrupt the ceremony.
9. Remain in the stadium until the ceremony is over. Anyone leaving the stadium during the ceremony will not be allowed to re-enter.
10. **After Graduation-** Parents are not permitted inside any of the school buildings. After the graduation ceremony, the graduates will So please arrange a designated meeting place with your graduate prior to graduation.
11. The ceremony will be videoed and live streamed on the Cougar Sports Network. A photographer will take pictures of graduates receiving their diploma. After graduation, the video will be made available online.
12. Everyone please take a deep breath, wipe away the tears of joy, and smile and laugh as we celebrate these amazing young adults.