



# Eagle Hill School

Dear senior parents,

Below please find further details about graduation day, Saturday, May 22, 2021.

As stated in my original communication, commencement will be held on Saturday, May 22, 2021 at 11:00 am. In light of the state regulations, we will combine our traditional baccalaureate awards ceremony and graduation exercises into one outdoor community celebration on Saturday. We are prohibited from serving food and drink or hosting a communal reception or dinner. For further details about state regulations, please reference the earlier communication.

## **Where should I register my guests?**

Guests are limited to no more than six (6) per graduate. Guests must register in advance of commencement, and we will, in turn, file our list of guests with local officials. Please understand that these are state guidelines and guests not on the list will be turned away at check-in. No exceptions can or will be made. To register guests, please go to our website at [www.eaglehill.school](http://www.eaglehill.school) and log in; the registration can be found on the resources section on the board titled "Graduation 2021." Please register your guests by Wednesday, May 5.

We are currently working out the final details with a live streaming service and plan to live stream the event to those who do not have the opportunity to attend in person. We will furnish those details when available.

## **Can I register a current EHS student as one of our guests?**

No, current EHS students will have the opportunity to view the ceremony via live stream. It is not a matter of space but rather a matter of health and safety for the students who will be remaining in classes for the final two weeks of school. We will provide an opportunity for seniors to say final goodbyes to one another and on-campus friends after the ceremony.

## **When will my senior move out of his/her dormitory?**

Seniors will be expected to depart campus upon the conclusion of the graduation program.

Seniors will have time designated throughout the last week of school to pack their rooms. They will be expected to move out of their rooms on Friday, May 21 between 8 am and 2 pm, leaving behind items needed to stay one final night and clothes for graduation. The student life department will be sending an electronic sign-up for families to designate an hour-long timeslot to move out. Parents will be able to assist with move-outs. The last move-out must be completed by 2 pm so that the dormitory can be cleaned and fogged before the return of our underclassmen

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from classes. Parents must depart campus immediately after their designated move-out timeslot. For families unable to arrive during the 8 am-2 pm timeslot, seniors will move all of their belongings to a designated spot in the Cultural Center for pickup on Saturday morning before the ceremony begins at 11 am. The campus will be closed to parents and family members after 3 pm on Friday.

UPS will be on campus between 8 am and 2 pm on Friday to take care of any shipping needs.

Please understand that over the course of graduation weekend, we are trying to balance providing our seniors the send-off they so deserve and maintaining our underclassmen's health and safety, most of whom remain unvaccinated. So we ask families to respect the designated times that campus is open to parents and families and remain in the appointed areas while on campus.

## **Can I take my senior off-campus on Friday evening?**

Yes, seniors may depart campus with their parents on Friday evening. We will not accept permissions for seniors to be taken off-campus by anyone other than their own parents or guardians. Seniors may not leave campus on their own. Seniors who leave campus with their families will check out with student life in the Cultural Center parking lot. Those seniors who wish to return to campus later Friday evening will need to confirm their return plans before leaving and will check in with student life on their return. All returns will need to happen before 9 pm when the campus will close for the evening.

## **How long will the ceremony last?**

We anticipate the ceremony will last one and a half hours. We are planning for additional time for seniors to say goodbye to their friends and collect their final belongings from their dorms. Parents will not be allowed in the dormitories on Saturday and will be asked to remain in the tented graduation area with their guests. We will provide a closing video for parents to view while seniors take care of these final items. The campus will close no later than one hour after the conclusion of the ceremony.

If there are additional questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at any time.

Best,  
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