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Dear Future Graduates, Parents, and Guardians:

The end of the academic year is quickly approaching! This marks an important milestone in your life. It is not only a time for celebration but also a time to honor each individual AND recognize the collective achievements of the Class of 2026. Enclosed is information to help your family prepare for the end of the year. **Please take the time to review this material with care.**

Participation in Graduation is a privilege. Please be mindful that this is a significant moment for families and friends who have come to honor the class. We expect that all students who choose to participate will respect the dignity of the event. We ask parents to support our efforts by not hosting parties before or after graduation where alcohol or other illegal substances might be consumed. Furthermore, we ask that you do not condone attendance by your graduate at such an event. It is critical that all parents/guardians and students complete the Graduation Agreement and return it to the main office before Friday, June 12, 2026.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support. I am looking forward to honoring the many achievements of our graduates and celebrating this milestone.

Sincerely yours,

Claudia Dargento
Principal

Class of 2026 - End-of-Year Activities and Important Dates

REMINDER: All obligations to the school **MUST** be met prior to the start of graduation practice on Monday, June 22. This includes library fines, overdue books, cafeteria balances, laptops, chargers, athletic uniforms, etc. If these obligations are not met - caps & gowns, graduation tickets, and diplomas will be withheld.

Date	Time	Activity	Location
Friday, June 12		Submit Note if Not Attending Graduation Ceremony	Ms. Iannacone in Main Office
Monday - Tuesday June 15 and June 16	All day	Laptop collection (case, charger, cord)	ITC
Tuesday, June 16		All Obligations must be clear - Grad Agreement Form Due	Main Office
Monday, June 22 (minimum day)	9:00 am	Graduation Rehearsal*	Auditorium
		Cap, Gown & Graduation Tickets Distribution	Auditorium
		Department Certificates Distributed	
	11:00 am	Conrad's Ice Cream	Parking Lot Outside Auditorium
Tuesday, June 23 (minimum day)	8:20 A.M.	Senior Breakfast (Mandatory)	Cafeteria
		Graduation Rehearsal (Mandatory)	Upper Gym
Wednesday, June 24 (minimum day)	9:00 A.M.	Graduation Rehearsal (Mandatory)	Upper Gym
	4:45 PM	NHS pick up cords	Media Center
	5:15 P.M.	Seniors report to assigned rooms	Check Schoology for Assigned Rooms
	6:30 P.M.	Graduation Ceremony	Drew Gibbs Field

***Detailed rehearsal and graduation instructions are on the following pages**

Rehearsal and Graduation Information

Participation in the commencement ceremony is voluntary. If you intend to be on the field at graduation, your presence and total cooperation are **mandatory. You MUST attend rehearsals.** If you do not plan on attending the graduation exercises, a note signed by a parent/guardian must be submitted to Ms. Iannacone (in the main office) by **Friday, June 12th**, advising us of this fact.

Cap, gown and graduation tickets will be distributed on **Monday, June 22, 2026 at Graduation Practice; students will sign confirmation of receipt and verification of ticket disbursement.** Students are the **only** individuals to whom these items will be issued. *All obligations to the school must be met prior to obtaining your cap and gown and commencement tickets. Please note: tickets are only needed in the event the ceremony is moved indoors, and there will be two tickets for the gymnasium and two tickets for the auditorium (live stream).*

Rehearsal - June 22 - June 24, 2026

On **Monday, June 22**, Seniors will promptly report at **9:00 am** to the auditorium for the first graduation rehearsal. **Seniors absent or late for rehearsal may not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.** Rehearsals will take place as indicated on the previous page. Please do not bring your yearbooks to rehearsal.

On **Tuesday, June 23**, please attend the Senior Class breakfast at 8:20 A.M. in the cafeteria and report to the upper gym afterwards. **Seniors absent or late for rehearsal may not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.** Rehearsals will take place as indicated on the previous page. Please do not bring your yearbooks to rehearsal.

On **Wednesday, June 24**, please report to the upper gym promptly at **9:00 A.M.** **Seniors absent or late for rehearsal may not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.** Rehearsals will take place as indicated on the previous page. Please do not bring your yearbooks to rehearsal.

Parking

Parking is limited for the graduation ceremony; once the upper and lower lots are filled, parking will be available at the following locations with shuttle services beginning at 5:30 P.M.: **Grace United Methodist Church, 555 Russell Ave, Wyckoff, NJ 07481, and Faith Community Christian Reformed Church, 530 Sicomac Ave, Wyckoff, NJ 07481.**

(NOTE: THERE IS NO PARKING AVAILABLE FOR GRADUATES

Timeline

4:45 P.M. Honor Society Members pick up cords & sashes from the library media center prior to reporting to the assigned classroom. **Please return your stole after the ceremony when you pick up your diploma.**

5:15 P.M. Seniors report to their assigned rooms (rooms will be posted on Schoology on Thursday 6/18). Assistance with caps and gowns will be available. You may need to purchase bobby pins to secure the caps. Please do not leave any valuables in the school because graduates will not be permitted to re-enter the building following the ceremony.

6:00-6:15 P.M. Processional line-up

6:30 P.M. Graduation begins

Following the ceremony, graduates will pick up their diplomas from the designated location on the field that will be identified during practice (contingent upon weather).

Attire

The Ramapo administration reserves the right to deem attire inappropriate, prior to or during the ceremony. Any graduate who is inappropriately dressed will not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Acceptable attire includes a dress, dress skirt and blouse, dressy pants outfit, and blouse (preferably white), along with dress shoes. (appropriate/comfortable)

For those wearing white gowns: You **MUST** wear white underneath. **Wearing colors or pastels will show through the white gown.** Additionally, since graduation takes place on the field, low heels or flat shoes should be worn so they do not sink into the turf.

Jeans, shorts, sneakers, flip-flops and boots are not permitted at graduation.

Graduation Ticket Information

1. Each senior will receive **1 white engraved invitation** to the graduation ceremony. **No tickets are needed for the outdoor graduation ceremony.** Guests are encouraged to use both the home and visitors' bleachers.
2. Seniors participating in the ceremony will also be given **inclement weather tickets** in case the graduation must be moved indoors to the RHS upper gym. Each student will receive **two (2) tickets for the graduation ceremony in the gym.** It is essential that these tickets be given to the two people whom the senior designates for attendance at the indoor ceremony. **NO ONE will be admitted to the indoor ceremony without a rain ticket.**

3. Seniors participating in the ceremony will also be given two (2) live stream tickets for the live stream viewing of the ceremony, in the event of inclement weather. The RHS auditorium will be used for this viewing. It is also important that these tickets be given to the people whom the senior designates for attendance at the live stream auditorium viewing. **NO ONE will be admitted to the auditorium without the appropriate ticket.**
4. Parking for graduation will be available in several locations. Attendees may park in the lots in front of the school, as well as the senior parking lot. Overflow parking is available at Faith Church and Grace Church. Bus shuttle transportation will be provided from each of the church parking lots to Ramapo High School. You may wish to consider carpooling with family or friends given the large number of attendees at the graduation ceremony. Please note: students should not drive to graduation. Students must be dropped off by a family member no later than 5:15 P.M.
5. Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis at all sites. The bleachers are ADA-compliant. Should you plan on inviting any mobility-impaired or physically challenged guests, it is strongly recommended that you visit the bleachers in advance to determine if they are suitable for your guests. Golf carts will be available to shuttle mobility-impaired or physically challenged guests to the bleachers; however, once guests arrive at the bleachers, family members will need to escort them to their seats. Both the home and visitor seating will be utilized.
6. Family photographers are requested to remain in the bleachers for all picture taking. The track and turf field must be reserved for those participating in the ceremony. A professional photographer will take a picture of each graduate receiving their diploma.
7. Please be assured that every effort will be made to hold the ceremony outdoors and to permit the widest possible audience for this important occasion. The Ramapo Administration will closely monitor the weather forecast and will decide on an outdoor or indoor ceremony as soon as reasonably possible.
8. If it is necessary to move the ceremony indoors to the upper gym, an announcement will be posted on the Ramapo Indian Hills district website (www.rih.org), and a reverse 911 phone message will be placed to all homes.

*Please complete the agreement on the following page **and return it to the Main Office at Ramapo High School no later than Tuesday, June 16, 2026.** Note that both student and parent/guardian signatures are required.

Ramapo High School Graduation Agreement – Class of 2026

Seniors who are eligible and wish to participate in the graduation ceremony must agree to abide by the rules and regulations stated herein. Please return one completed and signed copy of this form to the MAIN OFFICE no later than **June 16, 2026.**

I realize that graduation is voluntary and therefore:

I, _____, am planning to participate in graduation on
Wednesday, June 24, 2026.

I, _____, am NOT planning to participate in graduation.

I will abide by all the rules and regulations for graduation as set forth in this agreement signed by me. Please check off each statement after reading carefully:

- _____ I will be on time for rehearsals on June 22, June 23, and June 24 and remain until dismissed.
- _____ I will arrive on time for graduation at 5:15 P.M. on June 24.
- _____ I will cooperate and pay attention during rehearsal.
- _____ I will dress in an appropriate manner as required for graduation (as outlined in the attire section of the graduation information page).
- _____ I will not violate the Board of Education's Substance Abuse Policy.
- _____ I will not bring a noisemaker or any other type of disruptive items to the June 24 graduation ceremony.
- _____ I will pay all my fines (as outlined on the end-of-year activities and important dates information page).
- _____ I understand that my behavior during graduation rehearsal and the graduation ceremony will determine whether or not I receive my diploma on Wednesday, June 24, 2026.
- _____ I understand that I will not be permitted re-entry to the building after the ceremony.
- _____ I understand the possession or use of tobacco and tobacco products, electronic vape devices, alcohol, and/or other intoxicants is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated on school grounds.

If I do not uphold any part of this agreement, my parents/guardian will be informed immediately.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone _____

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____