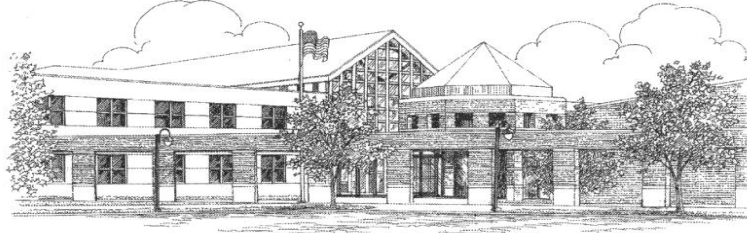


# EAST LYME HIGH SCHOOL

*The East Lyme High School experience prepares students academically, emotionally, and socially to be positive forces in the world and to live responsible, purposeful, and healthy lives.*



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Dear Parent/Guardian:

On the reverse side of this letter, you will find a graduation ceremony agreement signed by your graduating senior. East Lyme High School considers this event to be formal, and we expect that our graduating seniors will present themselves in the best possible light to all parents, friends, and relatives.

Please review these expectations and discuss them with your student. Your help is certainly appreciated.

The graduation ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 5:30pm on the ELHS football field. Should it rain, we will move to the gym where tickets will be required due to limited seating. Seniors must arrive to line up by 4:30pm. If you have any questions, please feel free to call my administrative assistant, Tiffany Hunt, at (860)739-6946 x5511.

We look forward to a wonderful evening, and I look forward to congratulating you and your child.

Sincerely,

Deb Roselli Kelly  
Principal

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## ELHS GRADUATION CEREMONY EXPECTATIONS

Graduation from high school is a once in a lifetime event. The graduation ceremony acknowledges both your efforts and the efforts of the community that has provided thirteen years of public education. It is a time to allow your family, friends, and the community to share in your achievement. Each of you deserves a graduation ceremony that will be dignified and memorable, as do your parents, guardians, relatives, and friends.

The graduation ceremony will take approximately one and a half hours. During that time, it is expected that you will act in a mature, well-behaved manner. Any behavior which draws attention to you or detracts from the dignity of the ceremony will result in your exclusion from the ceremony. The inappropriate behavior of one graduate can mar the whole ceremony and destroy the enjoyment of your fellow classmates and their guests, many of whom have traveled a great distance to be here.

Therefore, in seeking to ensure that all will enjoy the ceremony, we ask you to abide by the following expectations:

1. Disruptive behavior during the ceremony is not acceptable and could result in your exclusion from the remainder of the ceremony.
2. Individuals are not to use intoxicants or drugs.
3. **Graduates should select clothing and shoes customarily worn for formal or semi-formal occasions. Some guidelines:**
  - a. **High heeled shoes are not permitted because they damage the turf.** (Wedges are acceptable).
  - b. **Also not permitted: sneakers, flip-flops, athletic shoes, work boots, shorts, jeans, or sunglasses.**
4. Students are responsible for ensuring that their invited guests are aware of the guidelines for audience behavior.
5. Students are required to participate in ALL scheduled rehearsals.
6. NO beach balls, silly string, etc.

If there are any questions or concerns regarding appropriate dress or shoes, please see Mrs. Kelly. The school reserves the right to make the final decision on the appropriate dress for the occasion.

I understand that a violation of any of these expectations will result in my not participating in the graduation ceremony. I also understand that I must pay all accountabilities to East Lyme High School before I receive my diploma.

Student's Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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