

West Bolivar Consolidated School District



2021 Graduation Plan

Mr. John I. Taylor, Superintendent of Education
Dr. Londeria Hayes, McEvans School
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Dear Class of 2021 and Parents/Guardians,

The West Bolivar Consolidated School District is aware of the continued health pandemic and is taking the necessary precautions to ensure the safety of our students and staff. Therefore, this plan consists of the guidelines and procedures for our 2021 Graduation Ceremonies. If you have questions, please contact the following schools:

West Bolivar High School 662-759-3743

McEvans School 662-754-6109

Sincerely,

John I. Taylor

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1. Caps and Gowns

- Caps and gowns can be picked up on senior certification day.
- **Students who have a balance with Herff Jones cannot be issued a cap and gown until the balance is paid in full.** Payment must be made directly to Herff Jones by going online at www.herffjones.com or by calling 601-898-7883.

2. Graduation is a formal event; therefore, a specific dress code will be strictly enforced. It is as follows:

Student Dress Code:

Do Not:

1. **Wear flip flops.**
2. **Wear earrings (males only).**
3. **Wear facial piercing, neither males or females.**
4. **Wear sunglasses or Air Pods.**

Attire:

Females:

- Dresses or Dark Pants
- Black Dress Shoes
- Earrings Studs or Pearls (If wearing earrings)

Males:

- Black Slacks
- White Shirts
- Black Tie
- Black Dress Shoes

3. Graduation Ceremony

- Each graduate will walk the stage and will receive his/her diploma.
- Each graduate will receive a maximum of six (6) tickets for guests due to the size of the locations and max capacity regardless of the age of the attendants.
- A representative from the district personnel will take each graduate's picture.
- All participants in graduation including graduates and guests will have their temperatures checked at the door prior to admittance.

4. Logistics for Graduation

- Ceremonies will begin at the designated times and locations:
 - McEvans School-10:00 (Gymnasium)
 - West Bolivar High-1:00 (Gymnasium)

- Graduates must arrive one hour prior to the graduation ceremony.
- **Attendants must wear masks to the graduation.** The graduate is be required to wear a mask while participating in the graduation ceremony, with the exception of when the student walks across the stage to receive his or her diploma. Mask must be worn at all times by all other attendants and staff. Attendees and graduates must have on masks before being permitted to enter the school.
- Masks, gloves, and sanitizer will be on hand at each campus.
- Once on campus, graduates will report to a designated location and their families will report directly to the gymnasium.
- We will have staff directing movement toward the gymnasium door.
- Security will be enforced through the WBCSD and local agencies.
- Doors and other surfaces will be sanitized after each use.
- Groups that ride in the same car must be seated together.
- Guests are asked to remain seated during the graduation ceremony.
- Avoid loud noises (bull horns and other devices) when graduates' names are called to give equal respect to all graduates.

5. Additional Requests:

- Only staff will be allowed to attend the ceremony at their school site. (Spouses and children of staff will not be permitted unless they have a ticket.)

6. Senior Calendar:

- Nine weeks' exams (May 17-19, 2021)
- Teachers finalize grades (May 20-21, 2021)
- Senior Certification and Cap and Gown Pick Up (May 25, 2021)
- Senior Last Day of School (May 27, 2021)
- Graduation Practice (May 28, 2021)