

GLENDALE SECONDARY COMMENCEMENT DAY

JUNE 28, 2022 (3:00pm-6:00pm)



Q. How do I book a time for my June 28 Commencement?

A. At **9 am on Tuesday, June 7, 2022**, our online booking system will open. You will need your 5 or 6-digit student number found on any report card you may have.

Instructions for Parent-Interview:

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1. Go to the scheduling webpage at <https://parentinterview.com/s/glendale-grad>
2. Enter your 5 or 6-digit HWDSB student number and click "Sign In"
3. Fill in your contact information and click "Continue to Make Appointments"
4. Click on the session you would like to attend
5. Click on an "Available" time slot
6. Click on "My Schedule" (top left of the page)
7. Print out, email or copy down your appointment time

Sign up for your preferred time (3:00-4:00, 4:00-5:00 or 5:00-6:00). If you have questions, experience problems booking, or need special considerations (i.e., accessibility requirements) contact us at glendale@hwdsb.on.ca or call 905-560-7343.

Q. Where should I go on Commencement Day, June 28th?

A. Your Commencement Day experience starts near the front entrance to the school (see map below). Arrive at the time slot you booked. If coming in a vehicle, enter via Nash Road onto Rainbow Drive, then follow Rainbow Drive towards the front of school. We have several things for you including your grad gown and cap which you might want to put on right away. You may also drop off any outstanding school resources such as library books, iPad, sports jerseys, or textbooks. If you're walking, cycling, longboarding, or coming via HSR please line up along Rainbow Drive.

Then you'll keep on going towards the front entrance where, if you want, you can have your photo professionally taken. We'll have a spot for families to also take their own photos. Finally, you'll proceed, one-way, out to Secord drive and be on your way to whatever festivities you've got planned.



Q. I've heard that some parents and grads are not getting email updates about Commencement week. What can we do about that?

A. We very much want to reach EVERY participant. So, please help us find those people if you know that they've been missed. Since some participants are already 18, our system automatically stops sending parent emails home until the student officially gives consent that parent contact is OK. This explains why some parents have not received generic information about grad week. We are happy to send emails if they tell us who they are. So, please let others know that we are trying to reach them. Some emails we have on file are now old or incorrect. We have messaged to all Gr 12s and their families, but still some emails are bouncing back and we don't know to whom they belong. So, yes please, as you're able, spread the word that we are trying to find everyone.

Q. I'm worried about Covid. Will it be safe for me to come to Commencement Day?

A. Our Commencement Day plan has been vetted through HWDSB in consultation with Public Health. Therefore, if you follow the rules of physical distancing and follow the directions, you'll be fine. Your family/friends will be able to take photos of you on our outdoor stage, and even join you for a group shot

on the stage. We'll have a safe spot for your family to stand if they want to take pictures additional photos, and a professional photographer will be taking grad photos of you with a Glendale backdrop.

Q. Who is allowed to come with me to Commencement Day?

A. Come with all the people who care about you. Please tell them to walk up to the front of the school with you and stay socially distanced. Please also tell them that there will be no school access on that day. So, bring your own water and snacks, if you wish, and visit the restroom ahead of time.

Q. What's the dress code for Commencement Day?

A. Please wear whatever helps you most remember Glendale Secondary. Some of you will want to wear t-shirts and sweatpants in honour of the Covid survival you've just come through. Others may want to wear their prom dresses and tuxedos. Others like orange and black, or perhaps sports jerseys to help you remember a team you were on. The important thing is that you show up and celebrate who you are and that you're a grad. As students told us, "It's all about the picture." What do you want in the picture? Oh yes, some of you will get dressed in your finest only because your mom really wants 'the picture' and she told you to dress up. However, there is no need to go out and get a new gown or suit. Whatever you wear can be capped off with your grad gown and cap which we will provide. If you want to decorate your vehicle, or your longboard, or your bicycle, please go ahead and do that, too.

Q. Will I get my real diploma on June 28th?

A. No. And here's the reason why. The diplomas are printed on very special paper which we order from the Ministry of Education. They send us only the exact number of pages we need, one for each grad. It's almost as secure as getting a passport printed. So, you will eventually get your real diplomas but as of today we don't have an exact date. In the meantime, if you require a transcript, we can help via formal requests that you can make through the office.

Q. I think I might be getting an award. How will I receive it?

A. Normally we hand out awards at the formal Commencement Ceremony. This year, however, some of the awards are being sent out from HWDSB via Canada Post, especially if it is a monetary award. We felt that students would want that money now rather than later in the Fall. Glendale-specific awards will be announced in due time after consultation with our Awards Committee. Please wait for more information.

Q. Will I be able to get a yearbook?

A. Our yearbook is still in production. As you can imagine, pandemic challenges have caused ongoing delays and complications. We project having a yearbook ready in the Fall and will let people know how to get one when it's ready.

Q. I still have questions. Whom should I contact?

A. If you have questions about Commencement Day, bookings, transcripts, post-secondary schools, deferrals etc., please contact the school at 905-560-7343 or glendale@hwdsb.on.ca. We will redirect your questions.