

LEO HAYES HIGH SCHOOL

GRADUATION PLAN JUNE 2021

The last year has brought unprecedented change in our school system. The global pandemic has changed the way we need to work, be with family and friends, and how we celebrate. High school graduation is a milestone in the life of every student. This celebration has been a key school event for all of us for countless years, but unfortunately due to restrictions put in place by public health and the provincial government we must make significant changes.

The plan that has been developed is assuming the province is in the **yellow phase** of the provincial recovery plan. If the Province is in the orange phase of the provincial recovery plan, a maximum group size of 10 must be respected.

Based on the recommendations, we have done our best to organize a graduation ceremony that celebrates the accomplishments of our graduates and maintain the health and safety of students, staff, and their families. It is essential that we follow the guidelines outlined by Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD) and Public Health. Each family and their graduate must maintain the required distance of two metres or six feet from each other during the events at the school. We will have teachers around the building and outside to ensure that these measures are followed.

HOW WE ARE CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2021

We want to provide the students the best experience that we can, and this will include:

- A congratulatory large sign that includes the LHHS composite (photos provided by Mary Ellen Nealis) on the front lawn by the front entrance to allow families to take photos.
- A graduation stage set up in the LHHS cafeteria to give students the opportunity to walk the stage with four (4) family members present.
- A slideshow presentation of all our graduates and their awards and accomplishments on screens in the lobby for all your family and friends to see.
- This Virtual graduation ceremony will be released on Thursday, June 24 at 6 pm this presentation will include the valedictory address, speeches, and any other celebratory items.
- A special LHHS swag bag for each graduate containing a selection of Class of 2021 items and mementos.

GRAD GOWN DISTRIBUTION TO POTENTIAL GRADUATES

Grad Fees

- The graduation fee for this year will be **\$50.00**.
- Students must pay their grad fee online using SchoolCash before picking up their gowns.

Students will receive a souvenir gown package. All items received are for the graduate to keep. They do not need to be returned. This package will include: Gown, Cap, Tassel, stole, invitation. Please bring all these items with you on the day of diploma presentation.

Graduation Gown Distribution Times at Leo Hayes High School

Date	Time		Date	Time
Tuesday, June 1, 2021	Homeroom (A-L)		Wednesday, June 2, 2021	Homeroom(M-Z)
	9:20am 9:30am			9:20 am to 9:30 am

Orange Plan

In the Orange Phase, the diploma presentation stage would be moved outside and graduates would come in one vehicle, on the same schedule as yellow phase, to receive their diploma and swag bag. The virtual graduation would be posted on Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 6 pm.

Red Plan

In the Red Phase, there would be no diploma presentation and graduates' diplomas, report cards, and certificates would be mailed out. The virtual graduation would be posted on Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 6 pm.

GRADUATION CEREMONY

Each graduate may bring **no more than four (4) guests**. Due to the restrictions of Public Health, we are not permitted to allow any more than four guests.

Dates: June 23-24, 2021

Times: 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at Leo Hayes High School. Please see your appointment time below. These times are non-negotiable.

	Time	Grad's Last Name
Wednesday June 23	9:00-11:30	A – E
	1:00-3:30	F – L
Thursday June 24	9:00-11:30	M – R
	1:00-3:30	S - Z

What to Expect for the Graduation Ceremony:

- Graduates and their families will enter through the Front doors. Contact Tracing Card is passed in by the graduate. Teachers will be present in and out of the building in this area to provide you with direction.
- All family members attending the ceremony must wear a community mask.
- Once inside, please follow signs and directions provided by teachers. It is essential that families maintain a distance of two meters or six feet from other families and staff.
- Graduates will line up down the left aisle of the cafeteria (markings located on the floor). Once their name is called, each graduate will walk up the stage on the left and stop on the x.
- At the middle of the stage, the graduate will stop at the x and the vice-principal will be standing six feet away. The graduate diploma will be on a stand for the graduate to remove and hold in the photos. Parents will be able to take a photo of their graduate receiving their diploma.
- The graduate will exit the stage on the right and join with their family and proceed to the music room.
- The graduate will collect their Graduation bag and Safe Grad hoodie in the Music room. As a family, you will exit the doors by the music room.
- Once outside, additional photos can be taken; however, it is essential that families and graduates maintain two meters or six feet from each other.

Congratulations to the Leo Hayes High School Graduates of 2021!

We look forward to celebrating with you and your families!

