

Graduation Ceremony – Special Accommodations

Congratulations on your child's upcoming graduation!

We understand that there are often family members who would like to attend the ceremony but are physically challenged. Below are listed some accommodations that we offer. Please contact Jill Sweeney, Assistant to the Principal, at 201-337-0100 x. 3324 or by e-mail at jsweeney@rih.org **by no later than June 20th** once you reviewed your options so that she can further assist you.

Every effort is made to hold the ceremony at the Hank Boggio Athletic Field so that as many guests who wish to attend the event are welcome to do so and no tickets are required. However, if Mother Nature has other plans, we are then forced to move the event indoors to the Upper Gym which limits the number of guests to view the ceremony in person to two guests per graduate. Depending on the weather forecast, rain tickets will be issued to the graduates after practice that morning.

Regardless of the weather, we do simulcast the event in three air-conditioned venues within the school building – the Auditorium, a conference room and the library. None of these locations require tickets.

OPTIONS –

Please contact Jill Sweeney for passes for the following options:

Track Level Seating: If you wish to invite a guest who is physically challenged we do offer a limited number of seats on the track at the Athletic Field. Generally, these people are confined to a wheel chair, a walker or who are otherwise unable to navigate the bleachers. One person would be required to accompany this guest. Generally, the rest of the family sits right above them in the bleachers provided they get there early enough to secure those seats. The physically challenged guests are dropped off at the McCoy Road entrance to the Athletic Field and are transported to the track by our staff utilizing a golf cart. The car is then removed to the regular parking lots.

Bleacher Seating – Lower Rows: If your guests are not capable of climbing many rows of the bleachers, but they can climb to the first row, please contact Jill Sweeney and arrangements will be made to enable you to drop off the guest and someone to accompany him/her at the McCoy Road entrance. The car is then removed to the regular parking lots.

No passes are required for the following option:

Bleacher Seating – Upper Rows: If your physically challenged guests are capable of navigating to the top few rows of the bleachers, you may drop them off at the entrance to the bleachers with someone to assist them and then have someone park the car in the regular parking lots.

Parking is always challenging at graduation. Unfortunately, we do not have the capability to honor all those guests with State issued handicap placards. Please do not plan to get a handicap spot.

Please remember that the simulcast locations might be the best solution for your physically challenged guests. It is often very hot and humid and the air conditioning provides great comfort for your guests.

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