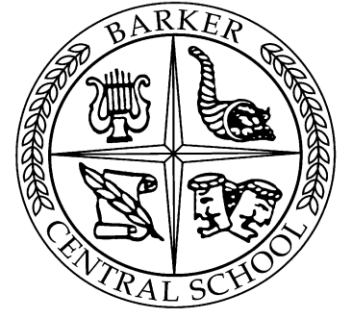


# Barker Central School

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May 12, 2021

To Pending Barker CSD Graduates & Families:

This letter contains important information regarding our graduation ceremony. Please read this in its entirety and follow the necessary directions.

The 2021 Barker CSD Graduation Ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 26 at 9:30 am. It will be held on the athletic field, rain or shine. Please dress appropriately.

Under the current NYS Department of Health guidance, we are anticipating each graduate being permitted eight (8) guests. Each graduate (or their parent/guardian) will need to be registered via the survey below. Guests and graduates do NOT need to show proof of a negative covid-19 test or immunization. However, the guests must be registered on the form below in case contact tracing needs to occur.

Each graduate's guests will sit in one group of chairs, maximum of eight chairs per group. If a family/group has fewer than eight people that is fine. Groups cannot be split up; all of a graduate's guests must sit together, or else we will not have enough space for everyone. There will be no assigned seating. Guests will choose their chair group upon arrival. Guests will be permitted on to the athletic field beginning at 9:00 am.

All guests will be required to wear a mask except while seated in their group. When walking, moving about, taking pictures, etc. masks must be worn. Thank you for your cooperation in advance with this.

We hope that these new guidelines and the district's plan for the ceremony will still provide our graduates and their families the necessary sense of closure so many need. We are looking forward to this celebration of our students' accomplishments.

Each graduate needs to register their group on this link. A graduate can go back and make changes to their registration as needed until the due date (see form).

<https://forms.gle/wEddaagzJUCiFFAF9>

On the reverse side of this letter is our graduation cord outline and policy for students.

Sincerely,

Michael Carter, District Principal

Outline for Graduation Cords  
Graduation June 2021

Purpose: To allow students who have succeeded in various aspects of their education to wear corresponding cords during the graduation ceremony. Numerous students have asked for this over the previous few years.

Types of Cords: There will be four types of cords total:

1. Top ten students: This is yellow and is issued to students right before the graduation ceremony and returned afterwards.
2. National Technical Honor Society: This is a purple cord. It is issued to students at BOCES during their NTHS induction ceremony.
3. Academics: This cord will be Barker maroon. Students will purchase this via the online store below. If a student entered and then dropped a course, they will not be eligible. Students who have participated in and successfully completed at least one of the following types of courses during their 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade years can wear the cord:
  - a. Advanced Placement
  - b. College Courses
  - c. Students earning an Advanced Regents Diploma
4. Community & Extra-Curricular Cord: This cord can be worn by students who participated in athletics or other types of extra-curricular or co-curricular programs as listed below. It will be the Royal Blue:
  - a. Athletics (JV or Varsity)
  - b. Band and/or Chorus
  - c. School sponsored clubs (including, but not limited to, student council, class officers, yearbook, AFS, International Club, or others as officially recognized by the school district).

Student Application: Graduating seniors will have to complete and submit the Google form below showing which cords they will be wearing, along with a brief explanation of why they are eligible. Follow this link: <https://forms.gle/BZaJ63Q6WN5mPCmr8>

Purchase: Students will purchase their own cords for Academics and Extra-Curricular at the website below to ensure all colors are matching and consistent. Please contact Mr. Carter directly with any financial concerns.

<https://www.honorsgraduation.com/honor-cords.htm>

Graduation Program: Individual student cords will not be listed in the program. There will be a section listing the four different cords and eligibility standards.