

Graduation

Class of 2019



When is graduation?

The graduation date is moving with the last day of school as weather-related cancellations occur. At this time, the last day of school is Friday, June 14. It is expected that the Board of Education will officially set that date at their next Board meeting, Wednesday, April 10.

Why is the BOE waiting?

State statute dictates rules local Boards of Education must follow when setting a graduation date. If the graduation date is set **before April 1**, that date *must* be the 185th school day or later. If the Board of Education set the date today (or last week, or anytime before April 1), they would have to set that date for Friday, June 21 at the *earliest*. If the graduation date is set **after April 1**, that date can be set for the 180th day, which would be Friday, June 14. In short, it's worth it to wait two weeks in order to get the date that makes the most sense for our seniors and their families.

Where will graduation be?

At this time, the plan is to hold graduation on the football field, as has always been the tradition in Ledyard, and to use the gymnasium in the event of inclement weather. In the latter case, additional seating and a live stream view would be in the auditorium. There has been some discussion at Board of Education meetings of the potential need to hold graduation at an alternate location. This **would only have occurred** if the proposed track and field construction project was already underway. At this time, that project has been approved by the Board of Education for consideration by Town Council. There remain many steps in the approval and potential bidding process, making it unlikely to impact graduation.