



Class of 2025 8th Grade Promotion Information

When and where is 8th grade promotion? Promotion will be on Friday, May 28, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Empire High School gym.

How many guests are allowed? Each 8th grader will be given 4 guest tickets. All guests must have a ticket for entry into the gym. Everyone must wear a cloth face covering. No additional guests will be allowed. 8th graders will receive the guest tickets at the end of practice on Wednesday May 26th. Tickets presented at the door for entry to the gym. The ceremony will be live streamed. Information to access the stream will be shared promotion week.

What should my 8th grader wear and bring to promotion? Students are encouraged to wear nice, school appropriate clothing. All students must wear a face covering. Students should not bring purses, bags or phones to the gym prior to promotion.

When is promotion practice? Practice is Thursday, May 27, 2021 12:45 p.m. at Esmond Station.

Do students have to attend promotion practice? Yes, any student not present for practice will not be permitted to participate in the promotion ceremony.

What time must 8th graders arrive on promotion day? Students need to arrive by 8:30 a.m. on promotion day. They will report to the Empire High School Dining Auditorium at this time. Only 8th graders will assemble in the Dining Auditorium (no parents, siblings, or other Esmond students will be allowed).

What time does the door open for seating? Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. Seating will be set up in groups of 4 on the bleachers with distance inbetween families.

How long is promotion? Promotion is about 1 hour long.

Where is promotion parking? Empire's parking lot will be open. Please park in the main (large) Empire lot.

What could prevent my student from participating in the promotion ceremony? If a student has significant disciplinary infractions, has any Fs, or does not attend promotion practice he/she will not participate in the promotion ceremony.

What happens after the promotion ceremony? Students are expected to leave with their families after promotion.

What if my child wants to sing/play the National Anthem or give a speech? Students who are interested in singing the National Anthem will audition on May 5 at 2:45 p.m. in the MPR. Students will be submitting speeches to Mrs. Finn to see who speaks at promotion. The 8th grade committee will work together to select the speech for promotion.