

Graduation Details

To our Seniors and their Families,

Please read the details and instructions below regarding graduation. Following all instructions will be of the utmost importance in making sure graduation runs smoothly.

Date:

June 25th, 2021 @ 6:00pm

Location:

Highmark Stadium
1 Bills Drive
Orchard Park, NY 14127

Arrival Time:

3:30pm - Parking Lot Opens (Please use the parking lot 2 or the Field House parking lot)
4:00pm - Gate 2 Opens for Group 1
5:00pm - Gate 2 Opens for Group 2

Tickets:

Each senior will be provided with 5 tickets to graduation (all five tickets will be grouped together in a "POD"). Each ticket will have an assigned section, row, and seat number, as well as the Gate Entry Time for each family (Time you will be allowed to enter the stadium). Seniors will receive their tickets when they pick up their caps and gowns. ****Please note, Frontier High School is responsible for providing seat information to Erie County. Due to these circumstances, you may not share any extra tickets with other students or families. Unused tickets can be returned to the main office.**

Attire

All graduates must wear their cap and gown. Students may **NOT** decorate their cap or gown. The only allowable additions to your cap and gown will be the stoles/cords you have earned. Undereath your cap and gown should be dress clothes and shoes you can walk comfortably in (**No high heels** will be allowed on the turf, so please plan accordingly!). In the case of inclement weather (graduation will be held rain or shine), all rain gear must be worn under your cap and gown.

Where to Enter:

Parking for graduation will be in Lot 2 or the Field House Lot (see attached map). Families may enter either of these lots off of Abbott Rd. or Route 20A. Once parked, family and guests will enter through Gate 2 (Attendees will only be allowed to enter at the listed time on their ticket). Students will enter Highmark stadium at Gate 1 and will enter at the same time as their family's assigned Gate Entry Time.

Student Gate 1 Entrance:

Once seniors enter through Gate 1 (see attached map), staff will be on site to direct them to the concourse where they will get put in order for the processional.

Ceremony:

Students will line up for the processional in the Gate 1 concourse. Chaperones will lead students to the field from the stairs in between Sections 133 and 134. Students will all have to wear masks and maintain social distancing throughout the ceremony.

Receiving of Diploma:

Students will come to the stage to receive their diploma. Students will be called up based on the row they are seated in (see attached seating guide). When your row number is called, you will stand up together as a row and then proceed to your right (maintaining 6ft of social distancing). You will follow the guidance of the chaperones and form a line to the right of the stage.

Once your row is lined up at the stage, students will hand their **Name Card** to the speaker at the podium (Name cards will be distributed at graduation upon your arrival). When your name is called, you will walk across the stage, take the diploma cover off of the table on stage, and walk to the X on the stage where you will stop for a photo.

After the photo, you will walk down the stairs on the left side of the stage back to your row/seat. ******(Please note that diplomas will not be in your diploma cover. Diploma distribution will take place on Tuesday, June 29th, Wednesday, June 30th, and Thursday, July 1st at Door 2 of the High School from 8:00AM - 2:00PM).******

Photography:

Photos will be taken by Herrmann Studios of each graduate on stage. Parents will **NOT** be allowed on the field to take photos. Information on how to obtain photos of our graduates will be available at graduation. The Gate 2 plaza will be available for families to take photos after the ceremony.

Recessional:

Once the graduation ceremony is over, students will leave in the opposite order they entered in (ex: the last row will leave first (following the lead of their chaperone), followed by each row after that). Students will then head back up the stadium stairs and proceed outside of the stadium through Gate 2. Parents/Family members will **NOT** be permitted to go on the field after the ceremony for photos.

Prohibited Items:

Please read and adhere to the attached list of prohibited items as well as the bag policy for all people entering Highmark stadium.

COVID/Health Screening Protocols:

In order to provide one graduation where all students are together as a whole class, we must adhere to the following protocols. If any of the protocols are not met by guests or graduates, entrance into the ceremony will be denied.

1. **Health Screening** - All students and guests planning to attend the graduation ceremony must complete a health screening questionnaire the **day of graduation** (must be completed prior to your arrival at the stadium). **This needs to be done or attendees will not be allowed to enter the stadium.** Please use the following link to complete and submit the health screening:

[Buffalobills.com/screening](https://buffalobills.com/screening)

2. **Vaccine/Negative COVID test verification** - All attendees of the graduation ceremony will need to show proof of **one** of the following before they will be allowed to enter the venue:
 - a. Vaccination (vaccination series must be completed at least 14 days prior to graduation)
 - b. Negative COVID test result (PCR or NAATs test performed within 72 hours of the ceremony).
 - c. Individuals who have fully recovered from a lab-confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 3 months and do not have any recent or current symptoms can provide proof of illness and recovery (ex: proof of a prior positive test result or completed order of isolation within the last 90 days).

*The Buffalo Bills will be staffing the entrance gates with workers to check all paperwork. Each individual entering will need to bring the following with them:

1. Valid photo ID
2. Vaccination Card (or copy/photo of the card) or,
3. Negative COVID test result paperwork.

Technology using the Excelsior App will **NOT** be available to show proof of vaccination. Please make sure you bring one of the accepted hard copy forms of your vaccination

3. All attendees **must wear a mask at all times.** Graduates will be temporarily allowed to remove their mask while crossing the stage to receive their diploma.

Questions:

Please email questions to Mr. Helmicki (jhelmicki@frontiercsd.org) or Mr. Charland (dcharland@frontiercsd.org).

PERMITTED & PROHIBITED ITEMS

TO AVOID DELAYS AT THE GATE, FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR GUESTS AND FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF ALL GUESTS AT THE GAME, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE PROHIBITED AT HIGHMARK STADIUM:

- Battery operated clothing (socks, jackets, etc.)
- Alcoholic beverages, illegal substances
- Animals (with the exception of service animals for guests with disabilities)
- Bags, camera bags, backpacks, any bag larger than 12" x 6" x 12"
- Beach balls, footballs, balls, inflatable devices (balloons)
- Bottles, cans, thermoses, and other beverage containers
- Cameras with lenses longer than six (6) inches
- Clothing or material with profane language or obscene graphics
- Drones, Unmanned Aircraft Devices
- Fireworks
- Headwear or clothing that may impede the view of guests
- Laptop computers, radios
- Laser pointer devices, noisemakers
- Promotional materials not approved by the Bills
- Seat cushions larger than 15" x 15" or that contain armrests, zippers, pockets, flaps or metal backs
- Selfie sticks, sticks or poles
- Strollers
- Tobacco products - including cigarettes/electronic cigarettes, chewing tobacco, lighters/matches
- Umbrellas
- Video cameras, monopods and tripods
- Weapons (knives, box-cutters, firearms, etc.)
- ANY OTHER ITEM DEEMED DANGEROUS OR INAPPROPRIATE

Any attempt to bring alcohol into the stadium will be considered a violation of the Bills Fan Code of Conduct and will result in the guest being ejected and may result in arrest and/or ticket purchase privileges being revoked.

Permitted Items:

- Additional clothing and blankets (must be carried loosely)
- Clear Bags smaller than 12" x 6" x 12"
- One-gallon clear plastic freezer bags
- Small clutch bag (4.5" x 6.5") with or without a handle or strap
- Binoculars
- Cameras with lenses shorter than six (6) inches
- Food – unopened, single serve containers carried in an approved size clear plastic bag
- iPad and tablet devices

Additional Information:

- The Bills and their partners will not be responsible for items left at any entry gate.
- All belongings are subject to search. We will conduct NFL mandated walkthrough metal detectors and/or wandings of guests.
- Intoxicated and unmanageable guests will not be admitted entry into the stadium.
- Guests, including children, must always have a valid ticket with them. Those children under the age of two do not need a ticket and are expected to sit on an adult's lap during the game.
- No scalping, illegal sales or solicitation.
- No Re-entry.

We are a no tobacco facility. All tobacco products including cigarettes/electronic cigarettes, chewing tobacco, lighters/matches are prohibited

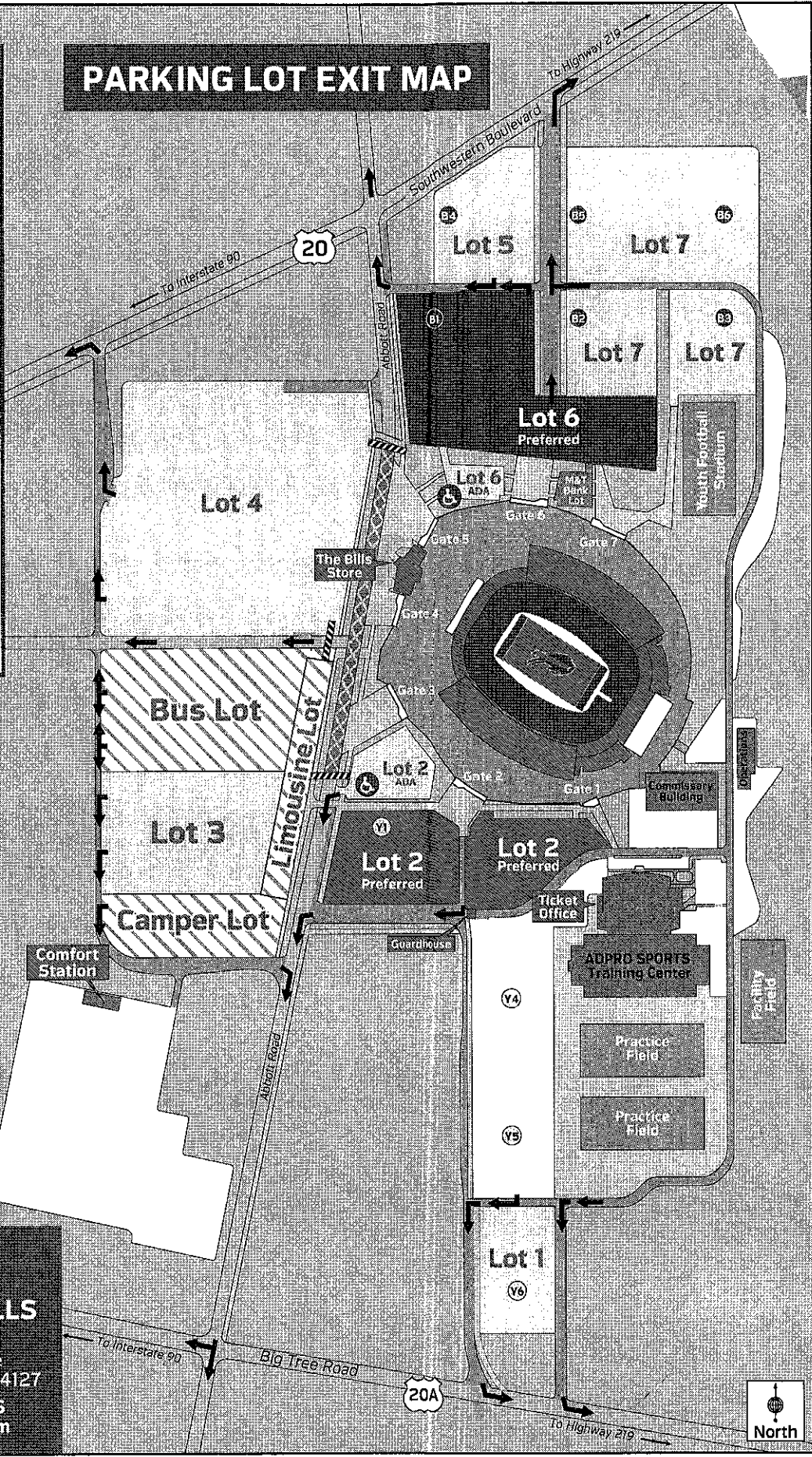
PARKING LOT EXIT MAP

KEY

- Public Lots
(Cash and Season Ticket Member Parking Permit accepted on event days)
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- Permit Only Preferred Lots
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- Accessible Parking Only Lot
- Pedestrian Only Areas/Walkways
- Street Closure Barriers
- Blue Poles
- Yellow Poles

Abbott Road will be closed to all vehicle traffic between the south entrance of Lot 2 ADA and the north entrance of Lot 6 ADA on games days.

All parking lots open four hours prior to kickoff. Not responsible for loss due to fire, theft, collision or other causes to vehicle or contents. Attendant not always on duty. No overnight parking, with the exception of campers in approved lots. Parking lots close two hours after game.




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