# Worcester Public Schools 2021 High School Graduation Guidelines

# Gates will open for graduations one hour prior to the start of each ceremony.

Please, only guests with official tickets will be admitted. In the event of rain, remember your umbrella!

#### General Admission Seating, Masking, and Distancing

Per DESE guidelines, guests who are not fully vaccinated are encouraged to wear masks. All guests are strongly encouraged to maintain distance between households. Guests who are not feeling well or experiencing symptoms should not attend under any circumstances.

## **Live Stream & Video Recording of Ceremonies**

Polar Park will livestream the ceremonies via the <u>WooSox Facebook page</u>. WPS will replay the video recordings of the ceremonies on Channel 11 and on the <u>WEA-TV webpage</u>.

# Purses/Bags

Small bags are allowed, but all are subject to a standard bag check by Polar Park security staff.

### No Air Horns/Balloons/Confetti/Glitter/Signs

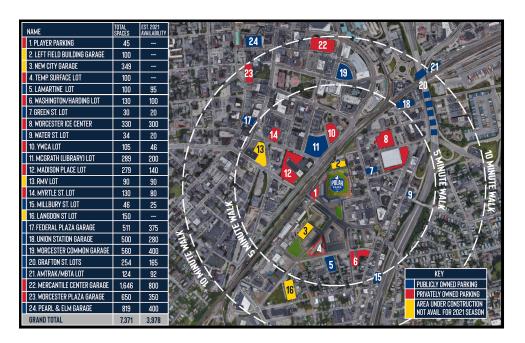
In line with how previous WPS graduations were executed, we ask that you leave these items in your car for after the ceremony.

#### **Footwear for Graduates**

No sort of heels or platform shoes are allowed. Aside from them being damaging to the outfield, the grass is very sensitive and heels will certainly sink, which could result in an injury. This is a safety concern just as much as it is a maintenance concern. *Polar Park will have flip-flops on hand for graduates whose footwear does not comply, as this is a guideline we must strictly follow.* 

#### **Parking**

Below is a map of city-owned parking lots that are within walking distance of the ballpark. Prices may vary. All guests and staff should expect to use parking lots/garages #5-24 on the map below.



# After the Ceremony

Plan to exit immediately after the end of the ceremony and meet your graduate outside the ballpark. Per DESE guidelines, no communal gatherings or receptions are permitted.