



Guildford Park Secondary School

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Graduating Class of 2025

On behalf of the staff at Guildford Park, we look forward to honoring the Class of 2025 at this year's commencement ceremony on **Wednesday, June 25, 2025**.

The Bell Center @ Sullivan Heights Secondary
6250 144 St., Surrey, BC V3X 1A2

| Date | Time | Event |
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| Thursday, June 19, 2025 | 2:30 – 4:00pm | Grad Gown and Tickets distributed in the Community Building |
| Tuesday, June 24, 2025 | 9:00am | Students may line up for extra tickets – in the large gym |
| | 11:00am | Mandatory Rehearsal for all Grads. This will take 1 hour. Please be on time. |
| Wednesday, June 25, 2025 | 6:00pm | Grads must arrive at the Bell Centre by 6:00pm |
| | 6:30pm | Doors to the theatre open for parents and guests. |
| | 7:00pm | Commencement Ceremony begins |

Please allow extra time for travelling to the Bell Centre rush hour traffic increases travel time.

Parking at the Bell Center is very tight. There is a second parking lot near Goldstone Park Elementary for over-flow parking for those arriving late.

Grad Gowns:

- Your gown pick up is on Thursday, June 19, from 2:30 - 4pm in the Community Building. If you cannot make it, please message Ms. Shier on TEAMS.
- Please ensure that you have your commencement gown and tickets with you at commencement. You keep the commencement gown, cap, stole and tassel.

Commencement Tickets:

- Each grad will receive 3 tickets to commencement.
- Do not misplace your tickets, they cannot be replaced. Please keep them safe.
- If you require additional tickets you may come to the school on Tuesday, June 24 (before the rehearsal) to request more. Extra tickets will be sold for \$5.00 each. Cash only.
- If you are unable to receive all the tickets you need – the Bell Centre will have a "last-minute line" for guests and friends. As the Commencement Ceremony begins, the Bell Staff will allow people in the last-minute line to fill any empty seats in the theatre.

Commencement Ceremony Procedures 2025

WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT BELL CENTRE PLEASE GO DIRECTLY TO THE SMALL GYM.

1. **Please note the following:**

- PLEASE BE ON TIME.
- **Grads are asked not to bring purses or jackets as there is no place to put them.** Ask a family member to hold them for you.
- The Bell Centre, Sullivan Heights Secondary and the grounds are a non-smoking area.

2. **Order of Entry:**

- Grads will meet in the small gym at the Bell Centre. You will be placed in alphabetical order by a staff member. Please stay in alpha order!
- You will then walk to the stage as a group for the start of the Commencement Ceremony.

3. **This is a formal event:**

- This is a very proud moment for your parents, family & friends. Please make them proud!
- The ceremony will take approximate 2 ½ hours. Please use the washroom before you line up. Please clap or cheer respectfully for your classmates.
- Your photograph will be taken by Artona Photography while you are backstage. Each student will receive a copy of their picture at no extra cost. You will receive your picture when you pick up your official high school diploma in August.

4. **Acknowledging members of the Class of the Grads:**

- As you walk across the stage your student write-ups will be read to the audience and you will shake Ms. Player's hand.
- Walk slowly, enjoy the moment, smile at your people.

5. **Reminder:**

- Please be prepared to sit on stage for 2 ½ hours; you will be required to be seated on stage the entire time. Use the washroom before the ceremony begins.
- You will remain on stage until the final moment when you are instructed to do the hat toss, and then you may go meet up with your family in the plaza. Please write your name in your hat – if you can't find it at the end – we will bring it back to the school for you and you can pick it up the next day.

Congratulations! We wish you all the best with your future plans!