

WENDY LOPOUR DOTY MIDDLE SCHOOL

# PROMOTION INSTRUCTIONS

Please review these instructions with all parents and guests planning on attending.

- LIVESTREAM:** Promoting eighth grade students are not required to participate in the Promotion Ceremony. In-person participation is voluntary and per your discretion. The ceremony will be livestreamed for your convenience should your student or any guests wish to watch from home. The Downey High School YouTube channel ([www.youtube.com/DowneyVikings](http://www.youtube.com/DowneyVikings)) will broadcast the Doty Middle School Promotion Ceremony, going live at 9:50 a.m., ten minutes prior to the beginning of the event. The livestream link will appear at the top of the main channel homepage.
- PARKING:** Doty Middle School's Promotion Ceremony will take place in the football stadium at Downey High School. Parking for parents and guests will be available in the DHS north parking lot, main south faculty lot (limited), Stonewood Mall parking lot, and the City of Downey Public Parking west of the city library (unreserved spaces only). For those parking at the Stonewood Mall, pedestrian access to the stadium can be accessed through the east gate on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, off of Lakewood Blvd.
- TIMES & PLACES:** The promotion ceremony will be held in the football stadium at Downey High School, 11040 Brookshire Avenue, beginning promptly at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 27, 2021. There will be no classes held for eighth grade students on the day of Promotion. Promoting eighth grade students will need to report to the DHS tennis courts (near the pool) before 9 a.m. to begin lining up prior to the program. Late students will not be included in the program. The ceremony will last approximately one hour. Eighth grade students will leave with their parents at the conclusion of the ceremony.
- SCREENING:** Guests and students in attendance will be required to bring and wear a proper mask, and maintain proper social distancing throughout the event. Students participating in the Promotion Ceremony must complete the COVID self-screen on their iPad as they would for a regular school day. They will show their green check self-screen clearance to a staff member when checking in at the DHS tennis courts on the morning of Promotion. Students may wish to take a screen shot of their COVID (green check) clearance that morning for quick reference when checking in.
- DEVICE TURN-IN:** Eighth grade students will be turning in their DUSD issued iPad, cord and charger immediately after showing the COVID screener clearance when they check in on the morning of Promotion. At the DHS tennis courts, they will show their (green check) self-screen clearance to a staff member, turn in their iPad, cord and charger, receive their promotion certificate, and find their proper place in line. If your student was issued a device other than an iPad, that device and charger must be turned in. Students will not receive their promotion certificate without turning in their iPad or other issued device, with its charger and cord.

**ACCEPTABLE ATTIRE:** Promoting students should not bring purses, phones, or any other items that they would need to carry. They will line up and go directly to the stage, without having an opportunity to leave anything at their seats. With only the following exceptions, the clothing of students participating in the Promotion Ceremony must comply with the Doty Middle School Dress Code. Students are encouraged to dress nice, but not to overdress for the occasion. Shorts, jeans, overalls, sweats, swimsuits and the like will not be permitted. Girls may wear heels and dresses. Dresses must have sleeves or straps. Dresses that are strapless, see-through, too low cut, or too revealing will not be permitted. Boys are encouraged to wear a nice shirt and pants, and may wear a tie or coat and tie if they wish. Tuxedos, "Zoot Suits," long coats, canes, oversized clothing, or "pimp" style attire will not be permitted. Dress shirts with tails must be tucked in. Hats, sunglasses, face paint, or similar distractions will also not be permitted. Students not in compliance with the above will be removed from the promotional line and will not be able to participate in the ceremony.

ACCEPTABLE		NOT ACCEPTABLE	
Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Coat & Tie	School Dresses	Tuxedos	Prom Dresses
Slacks or Cords	Skirt & Blouse	Zoot Suits	Strapless Dresses
Knit "polo" Shirts	Party Dresses	Shorts/Swimsuits	Shorts/Swimsuits
Dress Shirts	Pant Outfits	Jeans/Overalls	Jean/Overalls
School Shoes	School Shoes or Heels	Sweats/Sweatshirts	Sweats/Sweatshirts

**LIMITED SEATING:** This event will be conducted in compliance with county guidelines in place for health safety. These restrictions limit the seating capacity of the stadium. Each promoting student will receive exactly four (4) guest tickets. Even upon request, we are unable to provide any additional tickets. No guest (regardless of age) will be able to enter the event without a guest ticket. Seats may be damp from morning dew, so guests may wish to bring a towel or rag to sit on or wipe their seat with.

**GUEST SCREENING:** Guests will be required to self-screen prior to entering the stadium. Any person with COVID symptoms should stay home and must not attend this event. Any person with a fever, chills, cough, difficulty breathing, persistent headache, sore throat, or recent loss of taste or smell should stay home and must not attend this event. Any person who has been exposed to COVID in the past 14 days, or who has been tested for COVID in the past 3 days and is waiting for results should stay home and must not attend this event. Thank you for your consideration for the safety of others.

**GUEST DECORUM:** Out of consideration for all in attendance, and in order to provide a dignified ceremony to honor our promoting students, we are requesting your cooperation with the following guidelines. Your applause is encouraged at appropriate times. However, shouted names, whistling, hollered comments, loud noise makers, and the like do not demonstrate the dignity we wish to convey during these exercises. Additionally, limousines go beyond the appropriate level of celebration for this event. We appreciate your cooperation in not arranging for limousines or the like on or near the Downey High School campus or the Doty Middle School campus during the closing week of school.

**COOPERATION:** We are proud of our eighth grade class at Doty Middle School and are looking forward to a promotion ceremony that gives them the honor they are due. It is our hope that all students and guests will cooperate with the expectations we have explained here to achieve that end. Thank you in advance for your consideration.