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SENIOR EARLY RELEASE

Act 675 of 2003 passed by the Arkansas legislature requires students in grades 9-12 to attend school a full school day. Students may be released from school if their parents request an early release due to financial hardship or in a Department of Education sanctioned educational program and complete the appropriate paperwork. Senior Early Release rules and regulations can be picked up in the school office.

GRADUATING EARLY

Senior English must be taken at WFHS or through concurrent college credit. Correspondence courses are not allowed or accepted for early graduation. Students who graduate at the end of the fall semester of their senior year will not retain any privileges of active students during the ensuing spring semester. For example, they will not be allowed to participate in sports, choir, band, Prom (except as a guest of an active student), Graduation Ceremony, Project Graduation activities, or any other activities that are reserved for just active students at WFHS. Furthermore, early graduates need to be aware that they will not be eligible for “Lottery Scholarship” money for college enrollment in the ensuing spring semester (they can still apply and possibly be eligible for the next fall semester.)

SENIOR CLASS GRADUATION CEREMONY PREPARATION

The selection of announcements, caps, and gowns for graduation are made by the class during the year. Also, several money-making projects may be carried out by the class.

GRADUATION PARTICIPATION (5.16.1WF)

All students participating in the graduation exercise must have met all graduation requirements established by the school.

GRADUATION DAY–ELIGIBILITY

1. The student will be in line for graduation at the time his/her graduation ceremony begins.
2. The student will be in good standing in regard to behavior records. This will be determined by the principal of the high school.
3. All financial obligations to West Fork public schools must be met in full prior to the day of graduation in order to participate in the ceremony.
4. The graduate candidate must attend graduation practice.
5. The graduate candidate must follow all graduation protocols, including proper dress, punctuality, and comply with all instructions given by the principal and/or his designee(s).

GRADUATION CEREMONY

The graduation ceremony is a formal occasion. Graduates are expected to be dressed accordingly. Girls wear nice dresses or pantsuits and guys wear slacks, dress shirt, and tie. Alternate acceptable dress can be dark blue or black jeans that are not frayed and dress boots. (The selected boots and jeans would have to be approved ahead of graduation day by the principal.) Also, **NO** writing or any other decorations are to be worn on the graduation cap, gown, or person.