

ROCHELLE MIDDLE SCHOOL
2017 EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATION INFORMATION SHEET

DATE

Graduation will be held **Friday, May 26, 2017** at 7:00 p.m. in the Rochelle Township High School gym. Doors will open at 6:15 p.m. Graduates should be there no later than 6:30 p.m. Tickets are required to attend the graduation. Each graduate will receive **8 tickets** for the ceremony. Graduates **will not** need a ticket. Tickets will be distributed to the students beginning Tuesday, May 16th. If you would like to be considered for any additional tickets that may become available, please contact the Middle School office at 815/562-7997. If you will not be using all eight tickets given to your student, please return the extra tickets to the school office prior to graduation.

NAME ON DIPLOMA

Your **LEGAL** name will appear on your diploma. **NO NICKNAMES WILL BE USED.**

CLOTHING TO WEAR

This is a "dress up" occasion. Please dress appropriately. Students may start paying for and picking up their gowns as of Tuesday, **May 16th**. Gowns will not be distributed to those students who have not yet met the academic requirements to be promoted to 9th grade. **Gowns are \$22.00 each.** Please make checks payable to "Rochelle Middle School" or send the **correct amount in cash.** We are not equipped to make change. Graduates **do not** wear graduation hats. If you are borrowing a gown instead of purchasing one, please let the office know ahead of time.

FEES & BOOK FINES

All school fees or money you owe the school must be paid before you can purchase your gown or go through graduation. This includes lunch fees, enrollment fees, sports fees, library fines, textbook fines or P.E. fines. All sports uniforms must also be turned in. Fees and fines must be paid separately and not included in one check. Many of these fines, including the cost of the graduation gown are paid into separate accounts. **Exact dollar amounts must be brought in as the office is not equipped to make change.**

ATTENDING GRADUATION

We hope all of you will attend graduation. If you choose not to, please let Mrs. Rand or Mrs. Haub in the office know. If you do not attend, you may pick up your diploma the following week.

PRACTICE

There will be graduation practice on Wednesday, **May 24th**, starting at 10:15 am. We will be practicing in the Rochelle Middle School south gym.

REPORT CARDS

Official report cards will be mailed home.

FINAL DAY OF ATTENDANCE

Eighth graders final day of attendance will be Wednesday, May 24th with 1:43 dismissal.

8th Grade Graduation Dance Information

DATE: Friday, May 26, 2017
TIME: 9:00 – 11:00 p.m.
WHERE: Hickory Grove – 1st floor/Paddock Room
COST: \$5 per person. Tickets sold during 8th grade lunches on **May 17th, 18th and 19th**. Cost includes D.J. and pop/water.

Pictures will be available at the dance for \$1.00 each.

The following are some guidelines that will be strictly enforced by all chaperones.

1. The graduation dance begins at 9:00 p.m. and ends promptly at 11:00 p.m. No one will be admitted after 9:30 p.m.
2. No student can leave the dance before 11:00 p.m. unless a parent or a responsible adult comes into the building to get them. The chaperones need advance notice from a parent in writing prior to the dance to know if a student needs to leave early.
3. Only 8th grade Rochelle Middle School graduates may attend the dance.
4. No dance tickets will be sold at the door of the dance. Tickets will be sold during 8th grade lunch on the above dates only.
5. No alcohol/tobacco will be permitted on the premises.
6. Parents will be expected to pick their child up promptly at 11:00 pm at the main door.