

8th Grade Graduation 2020

Info for Parents and Students

May 16, 2020

Drive-Thru Ceremony

Welcome!

- We are very excited about the upcoming ceremony for our 8th grade students!
- This is not the way we planned to end their time with Brighten, and we are still planning to invite everyone back for a social event once we have an all-clear!
- We hope that this presentation gives you an idea of what to expect on May 16 to ensure a smooth procession that somewhat meets your needs in closing out the year.
- Please feel free to email Mrs. Bemus if you have any questions:
kBemus@BrightenAcademy.com

Norms and Expectations

- The graduate should be dressed appropriately and in a way that is not challenging to get out of the car quickly and walking up steps.
- Maintain social distancing with people from other households: no hugging, no handshakes, and no gathering
- Keep traffic to a minimum and combine into one car when possible. Parents from separate households may bring a second car to support their graduate, but please have both cars together during the procession. (Park on Prestley Mill side until both parties arrive then get in line one behind the other.)

Arrival Times

- We will stagger the arrival of graduates/families to help with the traffic and ceremony flow
- Please note your arrival time below. There is no need to arrive in alphabetical order, just within your group's time window. Families from separate households should line up one behind the other.
 - 2:00-2:30 Graduates with last names A-G
 - 3:00-3:30 Graduates with last names H-Q
 - 4:00-4:30 Graduates with last names R-Z

The Graduation Procession



1 – Please enter from Prestley Mill Road

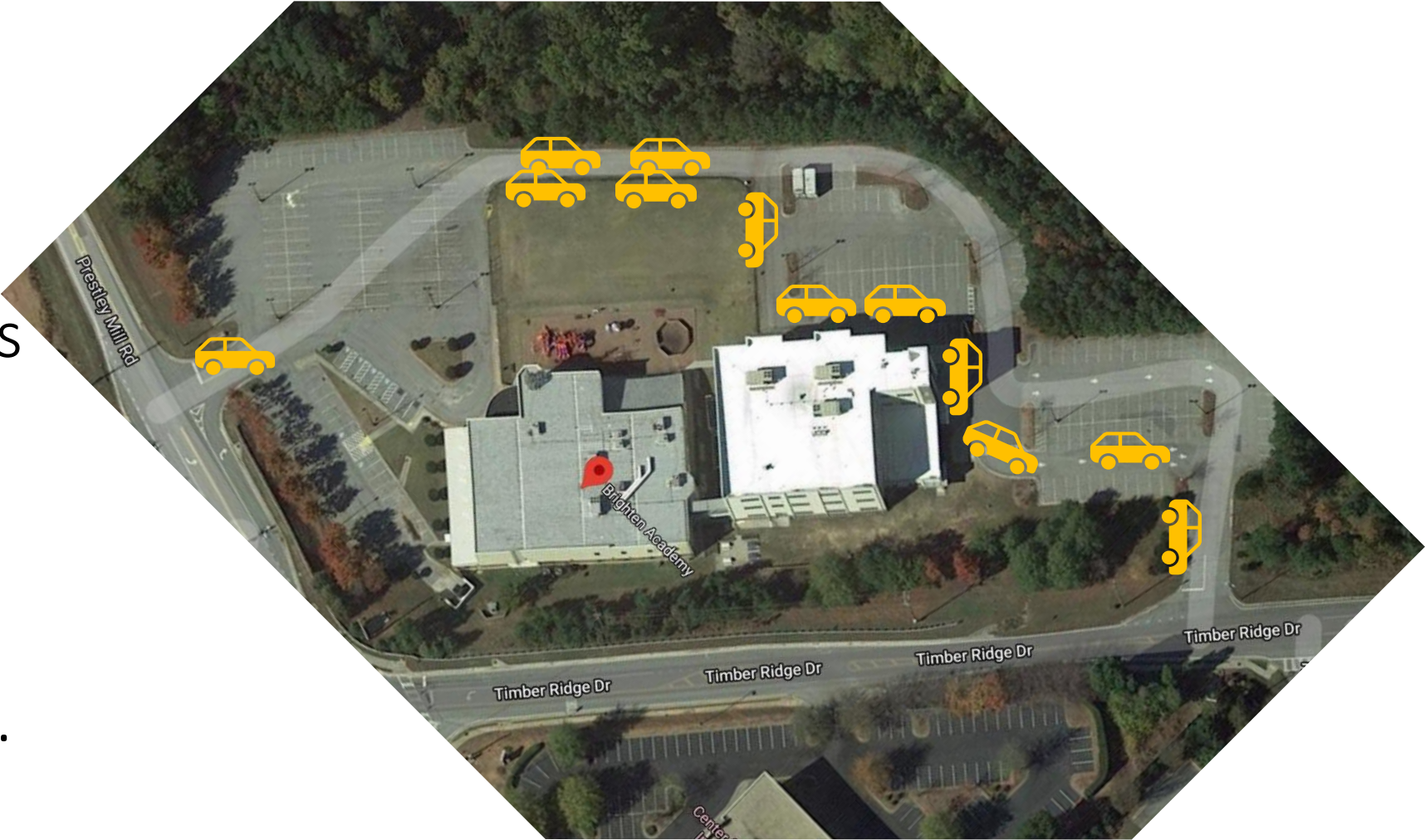


2 – If you would like a picture with the BACS pop-up background, you may pull into the fire lane by the atrium (purple camera) and step out for some “quick pics.” Please be mindful of those waiting and of the social-distancing guidelines.

Kindly join the processional line as you finish



3 – Follow the road past the field. Just like in morning drop-off, there will be two lines if the traffic builds up. As you approach the building, get your graduate ready to exit the car from the passenger side.



4 – The graduate will exit the car at the handicap parking spaces (blue star). The graduate will walk up the steps while the driver pulls the car around the corner.



5 – The graduate will pause in front of the media center doors, as Mrs. McDonald announces their name. Family members may take a quick picture (red camera).



6 – The graduate will walk down the ramp, as the driver pulls forward. The graduate will get back in the car at the crosswalk. Please exit campus onto Timber Ridge Drive.



Answers to Safety FAQs

- Handrails will be sanitized prior to the procession
- The graduate will not need to hand anything to, or receive anything from, the BACS staff
- Markings on the ground will designate standing positions for staff members and graduates, to maintain a minimum of six feet apart
- All drivers should be aware of their surroundings and maintain the cell phone/camera “hands free” rule while in motion
- Students and family members are welcome to wear masks, if desired

Thank You!

- We know this cannot fully replace the graduation ceremony we intended, but we hope that families and students feel honored as they transition from Brighten Academy to high school.
- Your student could not have made this journey without their parents, teachers, friends, and community. We must work together to keep each other safe until we can gather again.
- The procession will be recorded and a link will be available after the ceremony.