



Hudson Senior High School  
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## GRADUATE & PARENT/GUARDIAN PLEDGE

Given the unique circumstances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, we must abide by strict safety protocols as outlined by the governor's office in order to host an in-person Commencement Ceremony for our Class of 2020 graduates. Therefore, we are requesting that each family sign this "Graduate and Parent/Guardian Pledge" to participate. These measures must be in effect so that we can best ensure a safe experience for all attendees:

- Wearing a mask is **MANDATORY for ALL** (graduates will be provided a mask on June 23rd & 24th). You do not need to wear masks while in your vehicles.
- Please park where assigned and stay in your vehicle until your graduate prepares to receive the diploma (ushers will be available for assistance).
- Upon arrival, graduates will be asked to stand on their assigned number along the Jr. High School side of the building (socially distanced) as we prepare to process onto the grounds.
- Graduates will be assigned a number that corresponds with their seat on the football field. They must sit in their assigned seat.
- When guests are invited in, please stand as a family in between the blue & gold ribbons along the fence.
- Please dismiss as a family using the north gate and proceed back to your cars directly after your group of graduates receives their diplomas so that we have time to disinfect the fence before welcoming the next group of family members inside to view their graduates.
- Please refrain from gathering with peers or with other guests on school property at all times.
- Please do not bring any health or age compromised family member to the event.
- Please keep guests home who are displaying COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough, etc.)
- At the conclusion of the ceremony, graduates will join their family in the parking lot (see Map) in an orderly fashion. NO congregating.
- **Those who do not comply with safety measures will be escorted off premises and will not be permitted to re-enter.**
- **DRESS CODE:** Graduates and Families, please dress comfortably - **FLAT SHOES ONLY ON TRACK/TURF.**

We pledge to follow all safety protocols as we celebrate the Class of 2020 and all special student recognitions.

**RSVP: MAKE SURE THAT YOU BRING THIS ORIGINAL, SIGNED CONTRACT TO Mrs. Keyser on JUNE 23 & 24, 2020 when you come to the school to drop off your chromebook, school property, and pick up your caps and gowns. Drop off/pick up will be located at the Event Entrance/Junior High Cafeteria. Wear a mask and keep 6 feet apart.**

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Graduate's Signature

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Parent/Guardian/Guest Signature

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## **ARRIVAL FOR GRADUATION**

The school campus will open at **8:00 a.m.** on June 26th. No vehicles will be allowed to enter prior to that time. Have your Parking Pass ready to show the ushers. Families are encouraged to arrive in one vehicle with their graduate. Graduates should be dropped off at the Rear Entrance of the Jr. High School. They will be lined up single file (6 ft. apart) along the sidewalk and stand on their designated number.

## **PARKING AND ENTRY**

A Parking Pass will be included in the packet sent home. Entry will be through the High School Bus Loop and cars will line up in the bus loop across the front of both campuses. We will use the main parking lot behind the Jr. High School (nearest the Elks Lodge). See the map for reference. The Sheriff's Dept., HPD and HCSD Staff will usher families to their designated locations.

## **PROCESSION**

Graduates will be led out in procession through the parking lot at 8:30 a.m. sharp so you must be on time. The cue for this will be when the music stops and *Pomp & Circumstance* begins.

## **CEREMONY**

The ceremony will be conducted with rotating groups of graduates/families so that we maintain no more than 150 people participating at a time. Each group will follow the same pattern for the distribution of diplomas. Graduates will remain seated until their group is asked to stand to accept their diplomas. Graduates **MUST** wear masks at all times except when **on stage** receiving their diplomas. A photo will be taken. Parent groupings will enter the field through the South gate entrance and will stand between the blue and gold ribbons along the fence parallel to the track, socially distanced, **with masks on**. The stadium bleachers will be off limits.

## **GRADUATION FINALE**

At the conclusion of each diploma ceremony, parent groups will be escorted back to their cars (and **MUST REMAIN** in their cars). At the conclusion of the entire ceremony, graduates will be asked to stand and move their tassels as Mr. LaCasse certifies the class. Graduates will then toss their caps in the air as a drone flyover captures the images. The entire ceremony will be live streamed via a YouTube link that will be shared the day of the event. There will be guest WiFi access to use your devices in the parking lot. Photos of the event will be shared, free of charge, later on in the day using a link to be shared on the day of the event.

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## DISMISSAL

Graduates will collect their caps after the cap toss and return to their seats. Once *Pomp & Circumstance* begins to play, the graduates will exit with their group (6 ft. apart) through the South exit of the field and return to their cars. We ask that graduates and families refrain from congregating in the parking lot as we dismiss.

We are thankful to be able to host a whole group, in-person ceremony as described above. We are confident that everyone will abide by the rules as outlined and that our graduates will get their much deserved recognition after a difficult ending to their senior year.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support.



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