



What: Mexico High School Class of 2021 Graduation at MHS Stadium

Date: Friday, June 25th

We will hold our 2021 graduation ceremonies at our stadium, on the football field. We will place each graduate 6 feet apart during all events. We will conduct two dissemination of diplomas ceremonies to comply with the executive order of 500 people for an outside graduation. We will allow 6 guests per student in the stadium and will have designated seating 6 feet apart. All 6 guests need to meet-up and enter the stadium all at the same time as a pod group. The ceremonies will be streamed for other families and community to view.

Our stage will be on the visitor's side of the stadium and we will set up seating with acceptable social distancing both on the track from 15 to 15-yard lines and in the stands/bleachers.

All students, family members, and staff will be required to wear a mask. MACS masks will be provided to students prior to the events. Guests please plan to wear your own mask. Hand sanitizer will also be provided at our entrance and exit for use before entering and after leaving the ceremony.

Ceremony Times: We will stream and record the entire day and then edit it to a shorter complete event.

*10:00-Graduates **only** for rehearsal and speeches*

This will be streamed live and recorded for all families to watch

*10 am rehearsal **11:00 speeches Streamed***

Ceremonies times:

5:00 p.m. A to La graduates and their 6 guests.

7:00 p.m. Le to Y graduates and their 6 guests.

Process to Follow

1. For the 10:00 All Graduates (**only**) Gathering, Students can park in any High School parking lots and proceed to the field. Students must wear masks and practice proper social distancing when taking seats (No assigned seats for this part of the day). Staff will be on hand to help enforce social distancing. Students will be given instructions for the bestowing of diplomas during the mini ceremonies later in the day. This is the last time the students will gather as an entire class and we will conduct the graduation speeches during this time. Upon completion of the speeches, we will provide students with opportunities to take pictures with classmates, utilizing their own cameras and following social distancing protocols. Students will need to vacate the stadium at the conclusion of this part of the day to allow for cleaning and set up.

2. During our two dissemination of diplomas ceremonies, family groups of 6 will be seated spaced out 6ft apart, both on the track and in the stands/bleachers. Seats will be disinfected between each ceremony.

Graduation Attire (For all ceremony options)

- Students are expected to wear their cap and gown.
- Students will be required to wear a mask if they are not in their vehicle.
- Family members must wear a mask once they are on school grounds.

COVID-19 REGULATIONS

Q: What safety precautions are being taken by Mexico High School in response to social distancing and public health guideline?

A: We, like the rest of the country, are taking this very seriously. The health, well-being, and safety of the entire MACS community, faculty, staff, students, parents, etc. is of primary importance. Our goal is to provide a memorable experience for graduation, while following our NYS COVID-19 restrictions. It will be required for all graduates and their family members to wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines. Specifically, we are having graduation sessions and one student will be walking the stage at a time. That student's family will be the ones observing the occasion in person.

Q: What if we do not want my student to participate in graduation because of COVID-19?

A: Please let your student's counselor know you will not be participating, and we will deliver or mail items and documents

GRADUATION PREPARATION

Q: Is there a rehearsal for the graduation ceremony?

A: Yes, as part of the 10:00 AM graduates only gathering.

Q: How many guests may I invite, and will they need tickets for graduation?

A: Graduates will be allowed 6 guests for the ceremony. All 6 guests need to meet-up and enter the stadium all at the same time as a pod group. Graduation will be live streamed for all

family members to watch from home to ensure that social distancing guidelines are being met and those more at risk can still witness the ceremony.

Q: How can I make sure my name is pronounced correctly?

A: If you feel like you need to provide a phonetic pronunciation prior to graduation, please contact your school counselor.

DAY OF GRADUATION-STUDENTS

Q: Do I need to bring anything with me on graduation day?

A: Please arrive dressed in your cap and gown. Students should avoid bringing purses or backpacks to the ceremony. Students must wear a mask and can remove their mask prior to walking the stage. Family members must also wear masks.

Q: Will I still get my diploma if I don't walk at graduation?

A: Yes. If you have completed the necessary requirements, you can make arrangements to pick up your diploma the week after graduation.

Q: Will photos be taken during the graduation ceremony?

A: Yes! A photographer will capture your graduation memory, including one of the graduate on stage. Heath Photography has sent information to all senior homes about graduation pictures and ordering.

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Q: What if it rains on graduation day?

A: Mexico High School has planned for one additional "storm" date June 26th, so that the ceremony can still take place. We plan on holding graduation if it is just raining. Graduates should wear clothing beneath their gown according to weather conditions. Guests are also requested to dress comfortably for the weather.

Q: Will accommodations be made for family members during any of the events?

A: Public restrooms will be available.

A: Any family in need of special accommodations due to a handicap, please email jspauldi@mexicocsd.org with specifics.