



January 31, 2020

Dear Senior Families:

Re: Graduation 2020

We are so excited for this year's graduation and cannot wait to celebrate it with our graduates. Below is an introduction to the 2020 graduation ceremony. More information will come as we get closer to the date, but for now this letter contains the basic information that you need to know.

Mandatory graduation practice: All students participating in the graduation ceremony must attend graduation practice, **Thursday, May 28 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.** in the Union Mine High School Theater.

When and Where: The EDUHSD Virtual Academy Graduation ceremony will take place **Friday, May 29, at 5:00 p.m.** in the Union Mine High School Theater. **Graduates** should arrive no later than **3:45 p.m.** for instructions and organization for the ceremony.

Seating: Families of graduates will have unlimited seating options. **Doors open at 4:30 p.m.**

Cap/Gown/Tassel: All Graduates who participate in the ceremony **must** wear a cap, gown and tassel (**order form enclosed**). The atmosphere is dignified and semi-formal. The cap, gown and tassel will be available to pick up from the main office **AFTER** all graduation requirements are met and the graduate has been cleared. For borrowed caps/gown/tassels, students must return all pieces except the tassel which must be purchased by the graduate for \$10.00. The diploma will be held until paid. We would very much appreciate you considering donating the cap and gown back to the school after the ceremony.

Refreshments: Light refreshments served after the ceremony. No food or drinks permitted in the UMHS Theater.

Pick Up Diploma: The diploma will be available to pick up immediately after the ceremony outside the UMHS Theater or in the Virtual Academy main office until Friday, June 5, 2020. Congratulations on your success! We look forward to seeing you on May 29th.

Sincerely,

Leslie Redkey
Director of Educational Options and Innovations

EDUHSD VIRTUAL ACADEMY COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When is the commencement?

The ceremony takes place **Friday, May 29th at 5:00 p.m.**

Where does it take place?

The ceremony will take place at the **Union Mine High School Theater.**

Who participates?

All graduating seniors from 2019-20 are invited to participate unless they have been denied the privilege because of previous discipline problems.

When should the graduates arrive?

All graduates should check in by 3:45 p.m. at the UMHS Theater for ceremony instructions.

Where will parent, relatives, and friends sit?

There will be unlimited seating; we ask that all attendees remain seated during the ceremony.

What about parking?

Please park in the Union Mine High School upper parking lot near the theater and gymnasiums.

What about the cap and gown?

Every graduate must have a cap, gown and tassel to participate in the ceremony. EDUHSD Virtual Academy can lend graduates caps and gowns for the ceremony to those in need. The tassels must be purchased by the graduate for \$10.00. Diplomas cannot be given out if fines are not cleared.

Can I bring food and drink into the theater?

No food or drinks are permitted inside the UMHS Theater. Light refreshments will be available after the ceremony.

What if I have other questions or suggestions about the commencement ceremony?

Please feel free to contact Patty Braun, Administrative Assistant at 530.622.6212 ext. 7001.

Is there a Dress Code?

Remember, this is a semi-formal occasion to celebrate your accomplishments and achievements. Here are some guidelines for appropriate dress for the ceremony:

Boys: Full collared shirt. Pants must be full length (no shorts or cut offs)

Girls: A nice dress or pants would be appropriate (no shorts or cut offs)

GRADUATION GUIDELINES

Dear Potential Graduate and Parent:

Attached is the graduation agreement. It is designed to ensure a meaningful and dignified graduation ceremony. We ask you to read through this agreement and frequently asked questions carefully. This agreement is a commitment on your student's part.

Please understand that the commencement service is not mandatory; it is your choice to attend or not. We sincerely hope, however, that no senior will choose to miss this most meaningful ceremony. It is our feeling at the EDUHSD Virtual Academy that all seniors should participate in this final ceremony to honor their accomplishments and their school community.



THIS PAGE MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED BY MARCH 13th

Graduation Agreement

In order to make graduation an experience that the “**Class of 2020**” can be proud of, I agree to the following guidelines:

1. **Dress appropriately for a semi-formal function/occasion.**
2. **Wear the gown appropriately throughout the ceremony.**
3. **Do not shout, yell or make any inappropriate noises during the ceremony.**
4. **Do not throw any materials whatsoever.**
5. **Do not make any inappropriate gestures.**
6. **Be attentive and respectful of all persons on and off the stage.**
7. **Walk appropriately to my selected seat.**
8. **Walk on the stage, receive my diploma with dignity, walk off the stage in a dignified manner and return to my seat.**
9. **I will not be under the influence or in possession of any intoxicating substance.**
10. **No modifications shall be made to the cap or gown.**

Your participation in the graduation ceremony is contingent upon strict adherence to these guidelines.

You further understand that if you violate any part of the terms of the above pledge you may be removed from graduation and will not receive your diploma until there is a conference with Leslie Redkey, Director of the EDUHSD Virtual Academy, and your parent/guardian.

Print Student Name

Student Signature

Parent Signature





2020 Graduation Cap & Gown Order Form

Please submit an order for your student's cap and gown by returning this completed form and payment to Patty in the office by **Friday, February 14, 2020**.

Each package includes a graduation gown, cap, and tassel with metallic graduation year all bagged in plastic. The cost is \$29.00 per package. If you would like to see the package, you may refer to www.jostens.com.

Last: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____

Phone # () _____

Please indicate your Height: _____ Weight: _____
(Information will remain confidential)

Amount: \$29.00 Check # _____ Cash _____

Please make checks out to Virtual Academy at Shenandoah.
