

I am pleased to announce the details of the planned GHS Class of 2020 Graduation Ceremony, to be held over three days: June 3rd, 4th, and 5th. The Graduation Ceremony plans are in full compliance with the “Alameda County Public Health Department COVID-19 Guidance for Graduation & Diploma Pick-Up” dated May 11, 2020. I believe our plans will result in a special and memorable event that truly honors our seniors.

Please read the details below and then have your senior student [complete the linked form](#) to give us information on whether he or she will be participating in the ceremony. Graduates who choose not to participate will have their diplomas mailed to them. There is other important information on that form as well, such as necessary contact information for potential future events. Completion of the form is required in order for the student to take part in our ceremony plans.

Students and their household family will arrive in our student parking lot during their assigned time on one of the three days and will park at a spot with an assigned number. From there, progression through the ceremony will happen in the following stages:

1. Waiting with the family in Staging Area #1, safely distanced from other families.
2. When students are told to progress to Staging Area #2, they will line up at safely distanced cones in Alumni Plaza while families will enter the stadium and proceed to a viewing area on the field.
3. Students will enter the field and will cross the stage to receive the diploma and pose for a photo opportunity.
4. Students will exit the field and will reunite with their families on the other side of the stadium.
5. Students and families will walk through the quad area and complete the circuit back at the student parking lot, where all will depart so that the next group can come in.

I know that all of this is very complicated. When we notify everyone of their appointed times, we will also send out a video showing exactly how graduation will take place. We will also have lots of staff on hand throughout the ceremonies, directing car and foot traffic, maintaining distancing and safety, and celebrating our graduates.

IMPORTANT DETAILS:

- Each circuit will consist of a group of 20 students, and groups will go through the circuit every 20 minutes.
- Please note that we cannot accept requests for particular days, circuits, and time slots.
- Everybody in attendance will be required to wear protective masks or face coverings. The masks can be removed for photos. We will be providing masks to all of our graduates, by the way. Hopefully they will arrive for SeniorFest, but if not then we will distribute at graduation.

- Each student may bring parents/caregivers and siblings who are currently living in the student's household, not to exceed 6 guests. 1 student + 6 household guests maximum.
- Each family must arrive in one vehicle.
- Students and families must arrive at their assigned time
- Students and families will leave their vehicles when instructed to do so, at which point the student and family will be directed to Staging Area #1, which will include safely distanced and marked areas for each family.
- Please note that access to bathroom facilities is limited, so be sure to plan accordingly. Hand washing stations and hand sanitizer will be available in both parking areas.
- At all other times, distancing will be maintained by cones and by supervisory staff.

On Friday, June 5 at 6:00 pm, we will livestream a professionally produced recording of all speeches, including the ASB President's address, the Valedictorian's address, and the Staff Keynote Address.

The full video that includes the speeches as well as each graduate receiving his or her diploma will be made available as soon as possible after June 5.

[Link to the Graduation Preferences 2020 form, required to take part in ceremonies.](#) Please have the graduating student fill this out.