

2020 Graduation Plan and Protocols

Developed in cooperation with the Nevada County Public Health Office

The Nevada Joint Union High School District, in cooperation with the Nevada County Public Health Office, has developed the following plan and protocols for all of its 2020 high school graduation ceremonies. Each school's ceremony may be slightly different, but all will adhere to these guidelines.

- Graduation ceremonies will be drive-thru events, not gatherings, and thus will be allowable under the state's shelter-in-place order.
- All ceremonies will be outdoors with strict social distancing protocols in place.
- Participating district staff will wear masks / gloves.
- All student graduates will have specific appointment times.
- Graduates are to arrive no more than 15 minutes prior to their appointment.
- Graduates are to arrive in one car with "household" family only, not family members from other households.
- Multiple vehicles for a graduate are prohibited.
- Waiting vehicles will maintain safe distances from one another.
- Vehicles will briefly stop so the graduate may exit their vehicle and cross onto a nearby stage in cap-n-gown to pick up their diploma and pose for pictures and video.
- A limited number of staff will be on stage practicing social distancing.
- No handshakes or speeches will occur normal graduation speeches and announcements will be pre-recorded as part of a final video available to all graduating seniors and their families / friends.
- Student diplomas will be picked up off a table / podium.
- Families may take brief photos, and then get back in the car and move on as instructed.
- School staff will require graduates / families to remain in their vehicles prior to their appointments, ensure the activities above are brief, and that all safeguards, such as social distancing, are maintained.
- Graduates and families will exit the campus via vehicle immediately after the ceremony.

Thank you for your cooperation with these protocols. Please contact your school site for additional information and/or questions regarding this year's graduations. We wish all of our graduating seniors happy, safe, and rewarding futures.