

# Rocklin Unified Graduation Plans for the Class of 2020

Hello RUSD Students and Families of the Class of 2020,

First, let me start by thanking you for your patience and understanding during these unprecedented times. We have been working with evolving guidance from government and public health officials as we work to plan and provide details about the future, including graduation. We know that you have had tremendous disappointment about not being able to experience all of the traditional activities and events that make this year so special and memorable for seniors. I have been so impressed by your resilience and by the support you are providing to one another.

Last night during the May 6, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting, I announced that Rocklin Unified will move forward with planning socially distanced, in-person graduation ceremonies in order to properly celebrate and recognize the class of 2020 for their accomplishments this year-- and for all years of their K-12 education.

Based on recent survey results from students and parents from RUSD senior classes, we know the following:

- Students/parents do not want a virtual ceremony.
- Students/parents prefer an in-person ceremony as close to a typical ceremony as possible.
- Students/parents prefer closure for their K-12 RUSD education journey this summer rather than at an undetermined date in the future.

The graduation for Victory High School and RICA students will take place on Wednesday, July 29, followed by the graduation for Whitney High School students on Thursday, July 30 and finally, Rocklin High School on Friday, July 31. There is still a requirement to implement social distancing measures and avoid large group events. Therefore, at this time the ceremony will be held in groups of 50 students, socially distanced with only limited essential staff in attendance. The ceremony will include many of the traditional elements such as speeches, students' names being read along with students walking across the stage and having their photograph taken in cap and gown. The ceremonies will be live-streamed so that families can watch them. If public health and government guidance allow us to expand the ceremony to include limited family and additional students, then those adjustments will be made. However, if public health or government guidance imposes further restrictions due to the evolving situation, those adjustments will be made.

Additional details such as specific times and coordinating groups of students to ensure proper social distancing guidelines will be shared as soon as they become available from your school.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to navigate this unprecedented situation. We are so eager to celebrate the class of 2020-- especially for their extreme grace as they overcame the adjustment to virtual learning and milestone events. We could not be more proud of this group of students and can't wait to wish them well in all of their future endeavors.

Thank you,

Roger Stock

Superintendent