



Norfolk Public Schools

The cornerstone of a proudly diverse community



2020 CLASS OF 2020 GRADUATION EXPERIENCE



Month of May Cap and Gown Distribution

Every high school has its own process in place for distributing caps and gowns to seniors. Principals will be contacting seniors directly with their individual school's specific process for picking up caps and gowns.

June 8 and 9



Virtual Graduations

Every high school will be hosting its own virtual graduation on the same date and time as originally scheduled. The virtual ceremonies will feature pre-recorded speeches, music, and a PowerPoint slideshow of each senior's picture, name, and additional graduation information. Seniors and families can gather in their homes to watch the ceremony and celebrate together. Seniors will also be able to commemorate this special time with their classmates by posting celebratory comments and photos of graduation festivities using an online tool called Padlet (details to come).

Each high school's virtual ceremony will be livestreamed on the date and time that the graduation was originally scheduled. Reruns of the ceremony will be available on the NPS YouTube channel as well as on Channel 47.

June 11 and 12



Mementos and Memories Event

Each high school will hold a special event whereby graduates and their families can schedule an appointment to pick up diplomas and graduation programs, and pose for professional photos in their caps and gowns. This event will be organized in alignment with current health guidelines. Seniors will also have an opportunity to turn in their mobile devices, library books, athletic equipment, and other school property, if they have not already done so.

Week of June 22



A Video Salute to Seniors

Seniors, families, and friends can enjoy a video montage that will feature photos of graduates posing in their caps and gowns at landmarks and places around the City of Norfolk. Principals will provide details regarding where to send photos and the deadline for the submission of photos. The compilation video will be posted on the NPS YouTube channel and broadcast on Channel 47 beginning the week of June 22.

August 3-4

An In-Person Graduation Ceremony

Family and friends can celebrate the Class of 2020 in an in-person graduation ceremony at the Chartway Arena on the Old Dominion University campus. There will be limited seating with social distancing. More details to come as plans are available.

An in-person graduation will occur only if permitted under the directives of government officials, advised by medical experts, and supported by state health guidelines.

