

Dear Arapahoe Class of 2020 and Families,

May 16, 2020

It feels good to finally have concrete plans regarding our graduation celebration for our **Senior Class of 2020!** As you recently learned in a [communication from LPS](#), we will be doing both a **virtual graduation celebration**, in partnership with the Binning Family Foundation, as well as a **presentation of diplomas** with an opportunity for graduates to walk across a staging area and have their photo professionally taken in their caps and gowns. I am excited for both of these experiences for our seniors. The **virtual commencement ceremony will most closely resemble our beautiful, traditional Arapahoe commencement exercises**. You will hear from class speakers, district dignitaries, and each graduate's name will be read. The in-person celebration will enable families to attend and help honor their seniors. We will also be mailing every senior a **formal hard-copy program** to commemorate the ceremony. It will include the names of all members of the Class of 2020 as well as all of the other details associated with our ceremony.

## **Important upcoming dates for seniors and their families:**

### **Virtual Awards & Honors Convocation**

- **June 8, 2020 - Link to video recording of the presentation will be emailed to families**

### **Virtual Commencement Ceremony**

- **June 10, 2020 - Link to video recording of the presentation will be emailed to families**

### **In-person Graduation Celebration - AHS West Lot**

- You **MUST sign up using [this SIGN UP GENIUS](#) for a 10 minute window** of time. Please only sign up for 1 time slot. We want all 500 graduates to have a chance to participate in this unique event.
  - **June 11, 2020**
    - 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
  - **June 12, 2020**
    - 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
  - **June 13, 2020 (for families with conflicts during the work week)**
    - 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

### **Instructions for the In-person Graduation Celebration:**

- Please arrive at AHS at the **beginning of your scheduled time slot**. Enter only **from Franklin headed southbound** to the West parking lot through the **north gate near the tennis courts**.
  - Each graduate is welcome to bring family and friends in multiple vehicles. **All social distancing rules must be followed**, so it is important that you remain in your vehicles - feel free to decorate them!
- You will be directed around the parking lot to the **staging area**.

- At that point, the graduate will get out of the car, approach the staging area where their **name will be read by teachers selected by the senior class (Mr. Brandberg, Mr. Escue, Mr. Sisler, & Mrs. McGeorge)** and they will **pick up a diploma cover** from the table (nothing will be handed directly to any graduate).
- They will then be directed to the **professional photo station where 1 photo will be taken**. Up to 4 additional family members may join the graduate for their photo. If you wear masks, you may remove them for the photo. Everyone else must remain at their vehicles.
  - Arapahoe High School will provide one 5X7 photograph to each graduate.
- Once the photo is finished, you will circle back around and exit the parking lot through the **south gate** and head **south only on Franklin** to leave. To alleviate any traffic issues on Franklin, you will **only be able to access Dry Creek from Franklin by turning right/west**. Please see [this map](#).

We are so grateful to have this opportunity to celebrate our seniors in person with their families and loved ones present while still following the restrictions set forth by our health department, city, county and the state of Colorado. I am so incredibly proud of Arapahoe's Class of 2020, and we can't wait to see you all in June.

With love and appreciation,

Mrs. Natalie Pramenko  
Arapahoe High School Principal

P.S. Please enjoy these **virtual celebrations of our Class of 2020** that have been shared via email to the seniors and are also posted to the AHS website! We miss you and love you!

[LPS Transportation Tribute to AHS Class of 2020](#)

[Senior Art Showcase](#)

[Freshman-Senior Slideshow](#)

[Thank You from AHS Staff Slideshow](#)

[In-person Graduation Sign Up Genius](#)