



UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Guidance Document

Ohio Department of Education and Ohio Department of Health Guidance States the following:

“Virtual Graduation Ceremonies: Virtual graduation ceremonies are the safest. We strongly recommend this approach to maximize the safety and health of everyone involved. “

“Single family in-person graduation: Families are called into the auditorium one-by-one (no more than 10 people total including the school administrators), the student walks across the stage, receives a diploma and walks out of the auditorium and back to the car. The next family enters. Attention should be paid to disinfecting surfaces (door handles, hand railings, etc.) that may be repeatedly touched. Also, strict parking management and regulation is needed to prevent congregating in parking lots and outdoor locations. This can be done by appointment only to ensure a smooth process for all. School districts seeking to hold these types of alternative celebrations should involve the local health departments, and law enforcement partners to ensure that health and safety protocols are followed appropriately.”

The Union Local School District will be completing the following process for the 2020 High School Graduation:

1. Graduation will take place on May 30, 2020 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and May 31, 2020 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
2. Graduation speakers will be filmed at times designated by the high school principal, Mr. Shutler. Principal Shutler will notify speakers of their respective times.
3. All students will be assigned an approximate graduation time by the high school principal, Mr. Shutler. Each graduate and their guests will not be permitted to enter the campus at Union Local until the time given to them by the High School Principal Shutler. Further, upon arriving on campus each graduate and their guests will be instructed by Security as to where to go and where to park. Finally, the graduate and their invited guests must also come in the same vehicle, and will not be permitted to exit that vehicle until such time as they are instructed to exit the vehicle by Security.
4. Building access will be 1 graduate at a time with a maximum of 4 family members, and again, the graduate and their 4 family members must all arrive and depart in one vehicle.
5. The graduate and family are to utilize the North entrance of the campus for arrival and departure, park in the Main parking lot of Union Local High School as directed by security and do not exit the vehicle until instructed to do so by security being provided at the event.
6. Graduate and family members are to enter the fitness doors off of the Union Local High School Gym, once given the approval by security to exit their vehicles.

7. 10 Total people will be in the Union Local High School gymnasium, Grad, 4 family, Videographer, Photographer, high school principal Mr. Shutler, Board of Education President Terry Puperi, and another designated district employee. The graduate and respective guests are highly encouraged to wear masks from the time they exit their vehicle until the time they re-enter that vehicle.
8. Graduates will have an opportunity to walk in cap and gown across the stage and receive their diploma.
9. Graduate and family members will exit the gym via the doors on the Northwest corner of the Union Local High School Gym
10. Upon exit of Union Local High School Gym, the graduate and their family will be given an opportunity to take any additional photos and then will be asked to report back to their vehicle and depart the Union Local School District Campus.
11. All graduates will be provided a copy of a photograph taken at the graduation ceremony by PSK Photography, who will be hired by and paid for by the Union Local School District.
12. All graduates will receive a copy of the graduation ceremony produced by Storied Rivals, which will be provided and paid for by the Union Local School District.
13. The graduation ceremony will be aired on WTOV 9 on a later date.
14. All District employees participating or otherwise working at this event shall be required to wear masks.
15. Hand Sanitizer shall be provided
16. Social Distancing protocols shall be observed

*Should social distancing restrictions and mass gatherings be allowed to take place, a more traditional graduation ceremony would be considered at a later date.

*Details and specific times for graduate arrival and diploma awarding will be provided by High School Principal, Mr. Shutler.

Participation by the graduate and/or their invited family members as outlined herein is purely on a voluntary basis. No graduate is required to attend or otherwise participate in this event, and should a graduate choose not to attend or otherwise participate in this event, that graduate's diploma will be mailed to them. However, by participating, the graduate and their family members are assuring that they are all symptom free and do not have the coronavirus. If anyone has tested positive or otherwise is symptomatic for the coronavirus they are not permitted to either come on the campus or otherwise participate in this event. In addition thereto, the graduate and their respective parents, legal guardian or custodian must all sign this document and return the same to High School Principal Shutler at the address provided below on or before May 25, 2020. If this document is not signed by the appropriate parties and returned to Principal Shutler as outlined herein, that graduate and their family members will not be allowed on campus during this event. Finally, by signing this document, the graduate and their respective family members all agree to save and hold harmless the Union Local School District for any and all liability arising out of or from this event and their participation in the same.

Graduate

Please return this signed document to :

Zac Shutler

Union Local High School

66779 Belmont Morristown Road

Belmont, Ohio 43718

Respectfully,

Ben Porter

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Union Local School District

Superintendent