

TO: All Monongalia County Schools 2020 Graduates and Their Parents
FROM: Dr. Eddie Campbell
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re: Today's School Messenger Follow-up



Here are additional details regarding Monongalia County Schools' 2020 graduation and information on other end-of-school-year events and activities.

Graduation:

- All Monongalia County public high schools' commencements will be conducted concurrently at each high school's athletic field **6 p.m. Thursday, June 25**. This decision was made by county school administrators based on direction from the Monongalia County Health Department that emphasized the continuing necessity of maintaining six-feet of social distancing among graduates and spectators alike.
- All seniors will receive electronic invitations to their graduation ceremonies **Friday, May 22** and will be required to confirm their participation by **Friday, June 5**.
- After confirming their participation, each graduating senior will receive **two tickets** to admit two friends or family members to observe the ceremonies.
- Each ceremony will be **live-streamed** to encourage graduates' friends and family members to share the event, even if they're not attending in-person.
- **Rain dates** for the ceremonies are 6 p.m. Friday, June 26 and Saturday, June 27, with Sunday, June 28 as the final rain date.
- **Balfour will request via email** that each graduating senior provide a photo of him/her in cap and gown and a brief list of awards and scholarships earned. From those materials, Balfour will produce individualized videos graduates may share with friends and family. GradSlides of each student also will be displayed on the high schools' scoreboards during the ceremonies. Both the videos and GradSlides are being provided at no charge to students.
- As is traditional, **graduating MTEC students** will participate in their home schools' commencement ceremonies. They also will be recognized as course completers by their instructors at MTEC June 23.
- Graduating seniors are **not required to participate** in graduation ceremonies. Diplomas will be mailed to those who choose not to attend.

Proms:

- In compliance with direction provided by the Monongalia County Health Department, proms will not be held at or sponsored by Monongalia County schools this spring or summer.

Seniors' last day of classes:

- **May 15, 2020** will be seniors' final day of classes
- May 15 also is seniors' last day to return textbooks and Chromebooks; pay any outstanding school fees; and to retrieve bags of items collected from their lockers. Each school's administrators will contact seniors regarding last-day, school-specific logistics.