

WCSD Graduation Ideas Parent Survey

The bullets below came directly from the survey as the answers to the open paragraph question at the end of the survey.

Question: Please share with us your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions for how we can truly honor our 2020 Graduating Seniors this year (this question is not required, but we welcome any and all ideas):

Answers:

- The football field should be considered as a place to hold graduation. Having just parents there at least would mean the world us. Between the field for parents and bleachers for graduates I feel like this is doable.
- holding graduation at a drive-in where everyone can attend at the same time, maybe the kids aren't walking a stage to accept their diplomas, but instead senior picture and name are shown on the screen while their name is announced.
- have it at the drive in theater - show/announce the graduates on screen as they get diploma, everyone stays in their own car
- I feel that a graduation ceremony held at a drive in theatre where the screen could play video of the Principal's address, the valedictorian and salutatorian speeches, possibly messages from school/district staff and a slide show of each senior using their yearbook photo and a short written message they have to the class of 2020 (similar to a yearbook quote) would be a perfect way to celebrate our seniors. We could socially distance allowing only one car per family. They deserve more than just an online viewing they deserve someone to stand up for them and the hard work they put in to arrive at this place! Hopefully we can do this as close to the original graduation date as possible. My son is leaving for school in Arizona in July 14th. He would be heartbroken to miss a graduation.
- I graduated from Yorktown High School and they always had graduation on the football field. I truly believe that if we all come together we can make this a safe environment for everyone. Even if just parents are allowed to attend with their graduate.
- Having a outdoor graduation where the tickets are limited to 2 so there is less of a crowd and the rest can be live streamed for anyone else. Having it on the football Field and having the students spread out.
- Propose renegade stadium and pass the expense onto senior family's. Or John Jay football field seat seniors 6ft apart, Limit tickets to 3 per family, Put out chairs in blocks of 3 6ft apart. Our children need a real ceremony.
- Drive in movie theater for graduation
- Drive inn theatre event.
- What about bigger venues where you can social Distance better Dutchess County Fairgrounds or Bethel Woods. Everyone can bring chairs but still limit # of guests. The drive-in theaters are to small.
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- Student only days at the high school outside, So kids can have a chance to hang out. Student only graduation activities. And a socially distancing graduation ceremony
- Drive-In theater graduation
- I don't agree with any of the above. We need to do a drive in. They hold 600 cars. Doing any of the above is not an option in my opinion.
- I think that the district should look into having graduation at on of our local drive-in theater's. Everyone can social distance there because they are large outdoor spaces and parents can stay in their cars to watch. Students line up six feet apart in smaller groups. This may take longer than usual, but at least the students, staff and parents can join together to celebrate the Seniors.
- Graduation at a local drive in where senior portraits of each student can be displayed on the screen
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- Have a graduation with students only - 6 feet part to get diploma. stream the graduation online for parents and family to see.
- I thought if it was possible, maybe the graduation ceremony could be held at Dutchess stadium. With only the graduates, they could be socially distant on the field and still be able to walk a stage and get their diplomas. Maybe the ceremony could be televised, so parents could watch from home. Then maybe there could be a photographer present who could take pictures of our graduates with their diplomas.
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- JJ Football Field, limited to 4 people per family, set up with graduates sitting with their family 6 ft apart from other guests. 1 child walks the stage at a time, all in attendance must wear a mask.
- 1. My first choice would be to utilize one of the Dutchess County based drive ins to create the opportunity for social distancing, one car per family, ceremony that everyone can hear, and individual recognition -a combination of some of the best features in the suggested options. The money paid toward the Civic Center could be put toward this. Local businesses would likely support financially if there is a shortfall. 2.This survey says that the Student Government has been consulted; are you certain that is accurate for John Jay? Perhaps Senior Class officers have been consulted and the Student Government has been accidentally omitted from the process (please reply to #2).
- A drive in where folks are in cars but can see the movie screen. How about Dutchess Stadium where people can be spaced apart?
- I know they can't have a formal graduation now but what about at the end of the summer or even in December when kids are home from college break. I know a lot of the seniors are going away and would be home at that time.
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- Since Arlington uses Dutchess Stadium with 900+ graduates why cant we use the stadium for 500 graduates or if needed split the class in half. They could socially distance seating for the students on the field and family tickets could be limited to 2 and we can socially distance in the stands.
- Seeing her in cap and gown walking up for diploma with all her friends there to take pictures
- Graduate IN PERSON together with their peer graduating students from their school at the same time. students only. While I understand its hard for parents to NOT physically see their kids' graduation in person, parents and family can see it live-streamed and recorded. This is the students' day; they should be with each other and their admin on this day. Families can celebrate together afterwards. Like the military academy, the students can be dropped off, spread out on the football field, and have their graduation. pickup would be more logistically difficult than drop off but it can be figured out. (the senior car parade should also happen but that should be a 'senior event' not graduation)
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- A stay in your car ceremony at the drive in, family remains in car with student and each student can still receive their diploma in a traditional manner by walking up to a makeshift stage and their name and grad picture can be seen on the big screen.
- Hold it at a Drive-In movie theater- they can have the sound on the radio station, Put the video of the graduation on the big screen- even the video presentations and everything. That why everyone can stay in there cars and they can control the heating and Air conditioning.
- We should rent Hyde Park or Poughkeepsie drive in movie theater location and have each family drive in person cars. Have each student walk up to the front and receive there deploma while each family can honk and enjoy safely from there cars.