



# Graduation 2020



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# OBJECTIVE

Provide an overview of the district's graduation plans for the Class of 2020



# OVERVIEW

The presentation of the class and awarding of diplomas will take place at the Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium the week of May 18 – 22, 2020. Parents will drive up to the stage entrance area and only the graduate will exit the vehicle and enter the stage area (10 cars at a time in line-up.) The graduate will walk across the stage as their name is called and receive their diploma and diploma cover. An official graduation picture will be taken as the graduate exits the stage. An electronic copy of the picture will be emailed to each graduate after the ceremony.



# OVERVIEW

This ceremony will be captured and produced into a formal JPS Virtual Graduation to be presented on each school's scheduled graduation date and time. Each family is asked to have a Graduation Watch Party as the virtual graduation is broadcasted on the district's streaming channel, Channel 18, and the Mississippi Public Broadcast Service.



# OVERVIEW

The Graduation Watch Party should be for immediate family in order to adhere to coronavirus guidance about large crowds and gatherings. Students are asked to wear their cap and gown during the Graduation Watch Party, as they will participate in the conferring of their diploma, turning of their tassel and tossing of their cap. Students will receive 5 graduation programs and a video copy of their virtual graduation.



# GRADUATION 2020

In addition to a stage, the field at the Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium will be outfitted with chairs (similar to a traditional graduation) containing individual portraits of each graduate with their personalized farewell message to their class. This arrangement will represent the formal presentation and unity of the Class of 2020. Afterwards, the portraits will be hung at each school, as all graduates will be inducted into their school's Class of 2020 Hall of Fame.





Hayden Alyssa Brooks

National Honor Society

Hayden will attend the University of Ole Miss in the fall



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# CLASS OF 2020

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To my classmates,

Our journey has been fun! The memories that we have made are outstanding and truly memorable. I will truly miss each of you. Even though we never had an official departure, I just want you to know that I miss you, and my heart is with each and every one of you. Stay safe and let's go change this world!

Hayden

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# Pomp and Circumstance & Presentation of the Class

SCHOOL	DATE	TIME
Murrah	May 18	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Provine	May 19	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Callaway	May 20	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Jim Hill	May 21	9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Lanier	May 21	2:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Forest Hill	May 22	9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Wingfield	May 22	2:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

The graduates will be scheduled by last names: A-F; G-L; M-R; S-Z

\*Cars will not be organized in ABC order, but on a first come basis, 10 at a time in line-up.





# Graduation Dates and Times

SCHOOL	DATE	TIME
Murrah	May 26	1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Provine	May 26	2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Jim Hill	May 26	4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Callaway	May 27	1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Forest Hill	May 27	3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Wingfield	May 27	4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Lanier	May 27	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.



# Cap and Gowns Information

Cap and Gowns can be ordered online w/ a delivery option or available for pay and pick-up from each school on designated day(s). The cost is \$60 which includes cap, gown, and school's personalized stole and medallion. Cap and Gown can be ordered the week of April 28 – May 8, 2020. Pick-up will be on May 12 -15, 2020.



# District Costs

- Jackson State University owns the MVMS, and is holding the MVMS for JPS for the week of May 18<sup>th</sup>. They will provide me with a total cost on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. JSU agreed to charge us the same price or less than the price we pay at the MS Coliseum, ~\$4800/2 days. (The price will include sound.)
- Armadeck (covering for field) for the stage and chair areas (\*depends on location of stage)
- Cost of student portrait cards and frames
- Cost of chair rentals
- Cost of stage rental
- Printing of programs
- Stage decorations (flowers, ferns)
- PPE for 70 personnel (10 per high school)



# Additional Supports

We will need the assistance of the Office of Media Relations to help produce each school's virtual graduation and take each student's official graduation picture. All other district team and personnel will be needed to assist as they normally do during the traditional commencements.

Requesting guidance from the local health department to identify and plan for precautions and regulatory requirements.

