

5/18/2020

Nazareth School

Graduation Plan

Date: Friday 6/5/2020

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Football Field

Livestream: Facebook Live

Weather backup date: Saturday 6/6/2020

Weather backup time: 6:00 pm

Disclaimer:

Nazareth ISD is holding this graduation ceremony in accordance with the social distancing guidelines articulated by federal, state, and local officials. Attendees must follow the guidelines as communicated in the Nazareth ISD Graduation Plan, including maintaining a six-foot distance from those outside of your household and staying home when sick. The District shall monitor and enforce all applicable guidelines.

By attending the Nazareth ISD graduation activities, you acknowledge that despite compliance with social distancing and other guidelines, presence in a public place, near other persons, may result in increased exposure to people with infectious diseases, including COVID-19. By your attendance at graduation activities, you further acknowledge that you fully assume all risk of bodily harm, illness, death and medical treatment that may result from contact with persons at Nazareth ISD graduation activities.

The CDC recognizes the following individuals are at high-risk for severe adverse COVID-19 reactions and should consult with a physician before attending this function or should not attend:

- People 65 years and older
- People who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility
- People of all ages with underlying medical conditions, particularly if not well controlled, including:
 - People with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma
 - People who have serious heart conditions
 - People who are immunocompromised
 - Many conditions can cause a person to be immunocompromised, including cancer treatment, smoking, bone marrow or organ transplantation, immune deficiencies, poorly controlled HIV or AIDS, and prolonged use of corticosteroids and other immune weakening medications
- People with severe obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 40 or higher)

- People with diabetes
- People with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis
- People with liver disease

See:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html>

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Communication Plan: Prior to the ceremony the District will engage in a robust communication plan with the graduates and their families to inform them of the protocols established by this plan, to understand the number of those attending the ceremony, and to screen those with potential exposure to COVID-19.

1. This plan will be emailed to graduates and graduate parents/guardians. This plan will also be posted on the schools Facebook page and website. The Castro County News will also be given this plan and will reproduce it in part or whole.
2. A copy of this plan will be given to families when they pick up graduation tickets.

Outdoor Graduation Plan A

Be advised, the permission we have is subject to change as underlying public health conditions change.

Outdoor ceremonies must meet the following requirements:

3. All activities are required to be outdoors. (indoor rules are more restrictive).
4. Practice is not allowed (we may only meet once for the ceremony).
5. Parents will not be seated on the field this year to comply with the 6' distancing rule.
 - They may use the ticket seats in the stands OR a vehicle pass.
6. Each of the 13 graduates will be given 5 seating tickets & 1 vehicle pass (5 people per parked vehicle). Show tickets at the north football gate for entry.
 - **Vehicle groups of up to 5 people are allowed** (excluding the graduate)
 - Guests with a vehicle pass must remain in their vehicles for the entire ceremony.
 - We will seat ticketed guests in all three sets of home bleachers.
 - Guests will need to keep 6' of space between them and other individuals/groups.
 - i. Seating zones will be marked to help.
 - Familial groups of up to 5 are allowed to sit together.
 - i. 5 tickets and 1 vehicle pass means 10 guests per student.

- If your family does not need or want all 10 spots, please take only the number you need. This will effectively work as an RSVP for logistics planning in the bleachers.
 - Please do not gather outside your family group when arriving and departing the ceremony.
 - Entry and departure must be staggered to allow students and staff to maintain social distancing while entering and departing.
7. Prior to attending the ceremony, participating students and attending family members will be asked by the person at the gate if they have any signs or symptoms of possibly COVID-19:
- Cough
 - Shortness of Breath or difficulty breathing
 - Chills
 - Repeated shaking with chills
 - Muscle pain
 - Headache
 - Sore throat
 - Loss of taste or smell
 - Diarrhea
 - Feeling feverish or a measured temp equal or greater than 100.0 F.
 - Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19 within the last 14 days.

**Those with any of these signs or symptoms must be excluded from the activity.

8. All participants in the ceremony will need to remain at least 6' apart.
9. A hand sanitizer station will be available at the entrance gate.
10. School employees will attend our ceremony to help with logistics only.
- During the event school employees will comport with TEA's Guidance on Minimum Standard Health Protocols for School Employees in School Buildings, available at:
https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/200503_staff_in_schools_guidance.pdf
11. Diplomas/Awards will be in plastic bags and graduates will pick them up off the table.
- Bags will be disinfected
 - If it's too windy to leave the bags on a table, a gloved staff member will hand the diplomas out.
 - We will not be doing hand shakes this year.
12. In keeping 6' apart and being outdoors, we are not asking the graduates or participants to wear masks. Although, if anyone wishes to wear a mask, they may.
13. Pictures are an exception to the 6' proximity restriction of non-family members, and only graduates may come together for one photo opportunity. Masks may be removed for photo.
14. Please do not congregate outside of school sponsored ceremonies.

Reverse Parade:

1. The graduates and up to 5 of their family members will line the front sidewalk of the school at 6' intervals. For those in the community who wish to see the graduates in their regalia and wish them well, they will drive by the graduates in a slow moving parade.

2. Staging of vehicles will be coordinated by NISD staff in the field north of the hall/ Concession stand.
3. Participants in the reverse parade are asked to stay in their vehicles.
4. School employees will attend the parade to help with logistics only. During the event school employees will comport with TEA's Guidance on Minimum Standard Health Protocols for School Employees in School Buildings, available at: https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/200503_staff_in_schools_guidance.pdf
5. Prior to attending the ceremony, participating students and attending family members must be screened (via questioning) by school system employees for any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19: Cough, Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, Chills, Repeated shaking with chills, Muscle pain, Headache, Sore throat, Loss of taste or smell, Diarrhea, Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit, Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19 if exposure to the active confirmed case occurred within the last 14 days Those found with any of these signs or symptoms must be excluded from the activity.

Outdoor Graduation Plan B

If we are restricted by future regulations we will fall back to the following as allowed:

Live Ceremony on the Football Field (seated within cars)

1. Guests are required to stay in their vehicles.
 - a. You can open windows for photos/sound but please stay in the vehicles.
2. Each of the 13 graduates will be given 2 vehicle passes. Show passes at the north football gate for entry.
 - a. **Vehicle groups of up to 5 people are allowed** (excluding the graduate)
 - i. The same number of attendees will be allowed for in-vehicle vs in-stands
 - b. If your family does not need or want both vehicle passes, please take only the number you need. This will effectively work as an RSVP for logistics planning in the bleachers.
 - i. Parking will be guided with the parent vehicle having a spot along the west fence.
 - c. Please do not gather outside your family group when arriving and departing the ceremony.
3. Setup of the ceremony would face the west side of the field where parents can park along the west fence.
4. COVID 19 symptom screening from above (#4) will be implemented.
5. No rehearsal allowed.

6. During the event school employees will comport with TEA's Guidance on Minimum Standard Health Protocols for School Employees in School Buildings, available at: https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/200503_staff_in_schools_guidance.pdf
7. Diplomas/Awards will be in plastic bags and graduates will pick them up off the table.
 - a. Bags will be disinfected
 - b. If it's too windy to leave the bags on a table, a gloved staff member will hand the diplomas out.
 - c. We will not be doing hand shakes this year.

Reverse Parade

1. Performed as stated above

Graduation Plan C

Private Presentation indoors with small group

1. Graduates and their parents/guardians will be invited to the school for a private presentation of their diplomas, photos, and congratulations.
2. During the event school employees will comport with TEA's Guidance on Minimum Standard Health Protocols for School Employees in School Buildings, available at: https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/200503_staff_in_schools_guidance.pdf