

2020 GRADUATION GUIDELINES

1. Admission to the D.H. Conley graduation will be by ticket only. All persons entering, **including children and infants**, will need a ticket and provide their own mask (children under 2 yrs. old are exempt from wearing a mask). Graduating seniors will have **2 tickets**.
2. Seniors and guests **must** enter on D.H. Conley Rd from Edwards Farm Rd. and will be directed on where to park by staff.
3. Seniors need to arrive at the old gym starting at 6:30 am and no later than 7:00 am for the first ceremony; starting at 9:30 am and no later than 10:00 am for the second ceremony on June 5th. Be prepared for there to be a line so do not wait until the last minute. **Please come wearing your cap and gown**—you will not have a changing area available to you.
4. **Once** you enter the old gym, you will be in a secure area designated for graduates only. You will not be able to leave the area. No other persons except DHC staff and Pitt County deputies can enter this area.
5. Every senior must pass through a metal detector. Be prepared to empty your pockets of keys, remove heavy jewelry or watches, etc.
 - **CELL PHONES ARE NOT ALLOWED ON SENIORS ONCE YOU ENTER THE OLD GYM—LEAVE YOUR CELL PHONE WITH FAMILY.** If you have your cell phone with you, SRO'S have been instructed to take them when you go through the metal detector. **DHC will not assume responsibility for cell phones taken at the gate, and you will not be able to retrieve them.**
 - Do not ask any faculty member to hold anything for you after you have entered the old gym. Leave these items with your family/friends *before* you enter
6. Faculty members will also be checking masks to make sure each senior has one and that they are appropriate if you bring your own. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided for you as you come through the metal detector—

WEARING APPAREL FOR GRADUATION:

DHC CAP, GOWN, Stole and GOLD TASSEL, of course

The following cords, stoles and medals issued by DHC are acceptable as adornment: NHS, Mu Alpha Theta, NAHS, NEHS, NFHS, NSHS, NTHS, Nu Delta Alpha, Science NHS, Brody Honors Medical School, International Thespian Society, DECA, FBLA, HOSA, Skills USA, Health Sciences Academy, Link Crew, NC Scholar and Scholar Athlete,

(competition medals or other awards affiliated with DH Conley are permitted. This will include Governor's School)

Graduates must have appropriate dress on under their gown and appropriate footwear as you will be walking through grass on the field. (We strongly discourage graduates from wearing heels; remember we will be outside in the sun, take this into consideration when choosing your attire under the gown. **No bathing suits allowed**) Make sure you have everything prior to coming to graduation, we will not have extras! You may wear sunglasses if you wish! ***In addition no monogramming or embellishments may be added to your DHC cap or gown!!!***

7. Write your name inside your hat, and double loop your tassel on your cap. Banners and decorations on hats or gowns are not permitted including monograms. **Do not bring beach balls, balloons, flowers, stuffed animals, silly string, etc. to graduation.** These items cannot be taken into the ceremony. **You will be removed from the graduation ceremony for releasing beach balls and/or balloons.** Family members will be removed by event security if they bring in banners, balloons, noise-makers, etc.
8. Gates open **1 hour** prior to the graduation ceremony. Parents and guests will sit on the home and visitor bleachers of the D.H. Conley football field. Guests are allowed to bring their own folding chair if they would prefer to sit in the designated area around the track behind the graduates Only seniors and staff will be seated on the field. (Keep in mind the bleachers will have the best view of the ceremony) *Tell your guests to be early.*
9. Smoking/Vaping is not allowed on D.H. Conley premises.
10. Drinking of alcoholic beverages is not allowed on the school grounds. Please advise your family and guests of these PCS rules
11. Ask your family and friends to dress appropriately. Your graduation is a dignified ceremony. We want it to be special for you.. Ask your family and friends to refrain from loud and boisterous conduct during the ceremony. Security officers have authority to remove guests who are disruptive. No noise-makers will be allowed in the ceremony. Please share with all guests the information in the graduation pledge you received when you picked up your tickets.
12. As graduates cross the stage they will retrieve a diploma cover, stop for a picture on the stage and return to their seats. Seniors will EXIT THE BACK OF THE FOOTBALL FIELD and will need to meet their guests in the bus parking lot.
13. Diplomas will be mailed this year. Each senior will need to provide a VALID mailing address on this form for you to receive your diploma. **<https://tinyurl.com/DHC-2020>**
14. **If a student is under the influence of any controlled substance, he or she will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony and will be removed from the premises.**
15. If there are any medical concerns that may impair you at graduation, bring any inhalers, epi-pens, etc that you may keep with you on a regular basis in a labeled ziplock and we will give these to Nurse Powell during the ceremony. Students can retrieve these from DHC the following week.
16. Graduates will need to complete this form in order for D.H. Conley to send your final transcripts. **goo.gl/olGzjj**