

FAQ for High School Seniors



We understand that our high school seniors and their families have many questions regarding graduation during this time of school closures. We want to help ease our seniors' minds with information regarding the questions they may have. All seniors who meet the Garden Grove Unified School District requirements for graduation will graduate. Our goal is to ensure every senior stays on track for graduation and has a successful senior year.

Q: Will the coronavirus situation and distance learning affect my graduation status?

A: A senior who meets the GGUSD graduation requirements will graduate from high school. As long as you are participating in online distance learning, completing all assignments, staying in contact with your teachers, and remaining on track with graduation coursework requirements, you will be able to graduate.

Q: What if I have questions about my courses completed, credits, any D's or F's or being on track to graduate?

A: Contact your teacher or counselor by email. Teacher email addresses can be found on school websites or on ParentSquare. For a list of high school counselors and their email addresses, visit <http://ggusd.us/schoolcounselors>. Teachers or counselors will email you back or call you to discuss your educational progress.

Q: Who should I contact with college admissions and financial aid questions as I prepare for college?

A: Contact your counselor by email. For a list of high school counselors and their email addresses, visit <http://ggusd.us/schoolcounselors>. Your counselor will email or call you to discuss all college and financial aid questions you have.

Q: Will we have an actual graduation ceremony this year?

A: The county and state have prohibited all large gatherings until further notice. If and when that changes, we will update all seniors and their families regarding commencement ceremonies. However, even if restrictions on gatherings prohibit an in-person graduation ceremony, students will still commence and earn a diploma.

Q: Can the district postpone graduation ceremonies instead of cancelling?

A: We may be able to postpone graduation ceremonies but cannot plan for that option until we know when the state/county will allow for public gatherings. We are also looking into the option of a virtual ceremony that will allow high school seniors to be recognized and celebrated for their accomplishments. More information will come soon.





Q: Who can I talk to if I'm feeling stressed?

A: We understand that our senior students have many questions and can become stressed, anxious, and fearful during this time of uncertainty. Your teachers, school administrators and counselors are available to support your socio/emotional well-being. Please email them for any questions you have or if just want to talk. You can also visit a link we have developed that lists resources to support our student's and family's well-being. <https://ggusd.us/covidresources>

Q: How will I receive my high school diploma?

A: You will receive information from your high school about picking up your diploma at your high school or receiving it in the mail.

Q: Will I still receive the Seal of Biliteracy on my diploma?

A: Yes, students who meet the criteria to qualify for the Seal of Biliteracy award will receive this honor upon graduation.

The following are a few school specific questions. If you have others, please contact your school principal.

Q: Will senior grad night, senior award ceremony, or prom be taking place this year?

A: All venues that could host these events are closed to the public per the county and Governor's orders. In the event that public venues re-open, schools would consider scheduling the event if time allowed.

Q: I already purchased a cap/gown for graduation. Will I still receive it?

A: Yes, students who purchased a cap and gown will receive them. Schools will determine a distribution date and system for students to pick up caps and gowns following social distancing protocols.

Q: I have pre-ordered a yearbook. If school closures extend, how do I pick up my yearbook?

A: Your school will set up a distribution date and system to allow students to pick up their yearbook following social distancing protocols.

Q: I was scheduled to receive a graduation cord and or stole for my academics or extracurricular activities. Will I still be receiving them?

A: Yes, students who are scheduled to receive a graduation cord or stole will receive them. Schools will determine a distribution date and system for students to pick up cords/stoles following social distancing protocols.



**Still have questions?
Contact your school principal.**

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