



# Rockford Public Schools

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## Rockford High School

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### RHS Class of 2021 and Parent/s Guardians-

Per our communication earlier this week a final decision was made to move forward with a drive through graduation ceremony for the Class of 2021. A drive through ceremony affords us more options to accommodate families and extended families. Families and guests can now be in very close proximity to see their graduate walk across stage and receive their diploma. In addition, our own RHS Beyond the Rock production team will livestream the event for family and loved ones that are unable to attend.

Below you will find details for our Class of 2021 Graduation Ceremony:

- Date: **Tuesday May 25, 2021**. Below you will find the allotted times for our graduates to arrive on campus, we ask all graduates and families to abide by the time slots.

A – E	4-5PM
F – L	5-6PM
M – R	6-7PM
S – Z	7-8PM

- Seniors names will be read in the order they arrive on campus after entering the graduate marching line.
- Please limit the number of vehicles arriving on campus for the event to one (exceptions made for families with multiple graduates). **\*For the safety of others, please no trailers\***
- All vehicles must enter the designated entry point (on Kroes by the far west entrance by tennis courts).
- Vehicles will be directed through our senior lot by RPS Security personnel.
- Vehicles will eventually be directed to the start of our bus lane that runs the entire east/west direction of our 9-12 campus.
- At designated areas on the bus lane graduates (who preferably will be seated on the passenger side of each vehicle) will exit vehicles and stand in the processional line.
- As graduates move through the line they will make a stop at the final check in station and their name will be announced over the public address system.
- Graduates will walk across a stage under the Rockford High School front awning at the same time the vehicle they arrived in is in the same position on the bus lane.
- Graduates will exit the stage and be directed to a staging area for a formal photo (photograph of each graduate will be provided at no cost at a later date).
- Post photo graduates will pass an exit station (graduation packet) and return to the vehicle they arrived in.
- All vehicles will remain on the bus lane (enjoy the Ramtastic exit route) and exit on to Old Northland Dr. on the far east side of the FR CTR.
- Unfortunately there will be no open parking anywhere on campus for the event, again each graduate has a vehicle of guests and the event will be aired live by Beyond the Rock. A link will be sent to all graduates and families just prior to the event.
- If there are circumstances where graduates are unable to attend, please contact us and we can provide families and graduates a special alternative ceremony to honor your graduate.
- Look for more reminder notifications before our ceremony.

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**\*\*Inclement Weather-** plans will be communicated prior to the event if needed. This plan would include the graduate, and 2 guests, entering the building (through a socially distanced route) to the auditorium for diploma presentation. Beyond the Rock will livestream this event as well if we are forced indoors.

Rockford High School is open throughout the summer months (daily from 7:30AM – 3:00 PM) should you have any questions, please call (616) 863-6030.

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