



CESAR E. CHAVEZ HIGH SCHOOL
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Dear Class of 2020 Seniors and Parents,

On behalf of our school community, we are so proud of you! We have been overwhelmed by and grateful for your patience as we attempt to find a balance between keeping everyone safe and providing a commencement exercise that appropriately recognizes you for your accomplishments.

We thank you for your understanding in these unprecedented times. As the Covid 19 pandemic and guidelines have been shifting, so has our plans for your commencement. A directive from the County Health Department prohibits traditional graduation ceremonies due to the continuing stay at home orders, social distancing requirements and other health orders.

While this is not the graduation ceremony you envisioned, the combination of a virtual presentation and a drive thru ceremony serves as the best and safest substitution to a traditional event. Our goal was to safely provide you with the opportunity to walk across a stage and give you the MOMENT that you deserve.

GRADUATION DAY: July 9th, 2020

Cesar E. Chavez High School will provide a drive-thru alternative commencement celebration on July 9th, 2020. Each qualifying graduate will have the opportunity to participate in this unique ceremony. To participate in the "ceremony", students need to have earned all the required credits and have all obligations cleared by July 7th.

The graduate participant will be driven by a parent or guardian through the designated location to pick up their diploma cover and get a photo in their cap & gown by a photographer. We are also working on capturing memorable moments virtually to share with all seniors, families and our Delano community.

Below, you will find a schedule of arrival times, student/family instructions, as well as other information to prepare you for the Drive-Thru Graduation Ceremony.

SCHEDULE OF ARRIVAL TIMES

Last Name	Time
Valedictorian and Summa Cum Laude(s)	8:00 am – 8:30 am
A-B	9:00 am – 10:00 am
C-F	10:00 am – 11:00 am
G-I	11:00 am – 12:00 pm
J-M	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
N-R	1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
S-Z	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

NO PERSONAL CONTACT WITH STUDENTS/FAMILIES WILL BE MADE AT ALL TIMES DURING THIS EVENT. Parents of graduating seniors will receive a map of drive-thru route and the student/family guidelines prior to the event.



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STUDENT/FAMILY GUIDELINES

- ☐ Vehicles will maintain a distance of six feet from all other vehicles.
- ☐ Motor vehicle windows will be closed during vehicle procession.
- ☐ All persons will remain in their vehicle in which they arrived during procession.
- ☐ Granting of diploma steps for students:
 - Vehicle will stop at curbside. Student gets out of vehicle while family or other persons remain in vehicle. (Vehicle moves forward to Student pick-up point)
 - Student approaches **Checkpoint #1 – Name Card Station.**
 - Student drops his/her name card in tray and steps 8 feet forward to **Checkpoint #2 – Diploma Dust Cover Station.** (Staff person will obtain student name card when student is at Checkpoint #2)
 - Checkpoint #2 – student takes a diploma dust cover from table and steps 8 feet forward to **Checkpoint #3 – Stage Entrance.**
 - Checkpoint #3 – Student stands at entry side of staging area and waits for name to be called to approach **Checkpoint #4 – Center Stage**
 - When name is called, student walks onto stage, stops in center for a photo, and walks off stage at opposite end to final **Checkpoint #5 – Student Pick-up Station.**
 - Checkpoint #5 – student walks directly to vehicle and leaves premises.

Student Checkpoints

- 1. Name Card Station**
- 2. Diploma Dust Cover Station**
- 3. Stage Entrance**
- 4. Center Stage – Photo Opportunity**
- 5. Stage Exit – directly to vehicle Pick Up Station**

- ☐ No restroom facilities will be made available to the public. In case of an emergency, a Clean-up Crew will be available to sanitize restroom after each use.
- ☐ Hand-sanitizing station will be available near Stage Exit – Checkpoint 5.
- ☐ Sanitizing stations will be available for personnel.
- ☐ Clean-up Crew will be readily available during the event to disinfect tables, counters, and handrails regularly as per CDC Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection guidance of all hard surfaces.
- ☐ Photographer/videographer will never approach students, always maintaining a safe distance, and must also wear a mask and gloves.
- ☐ Announcer of student names will be stationed at a safe distance from student/staging area.

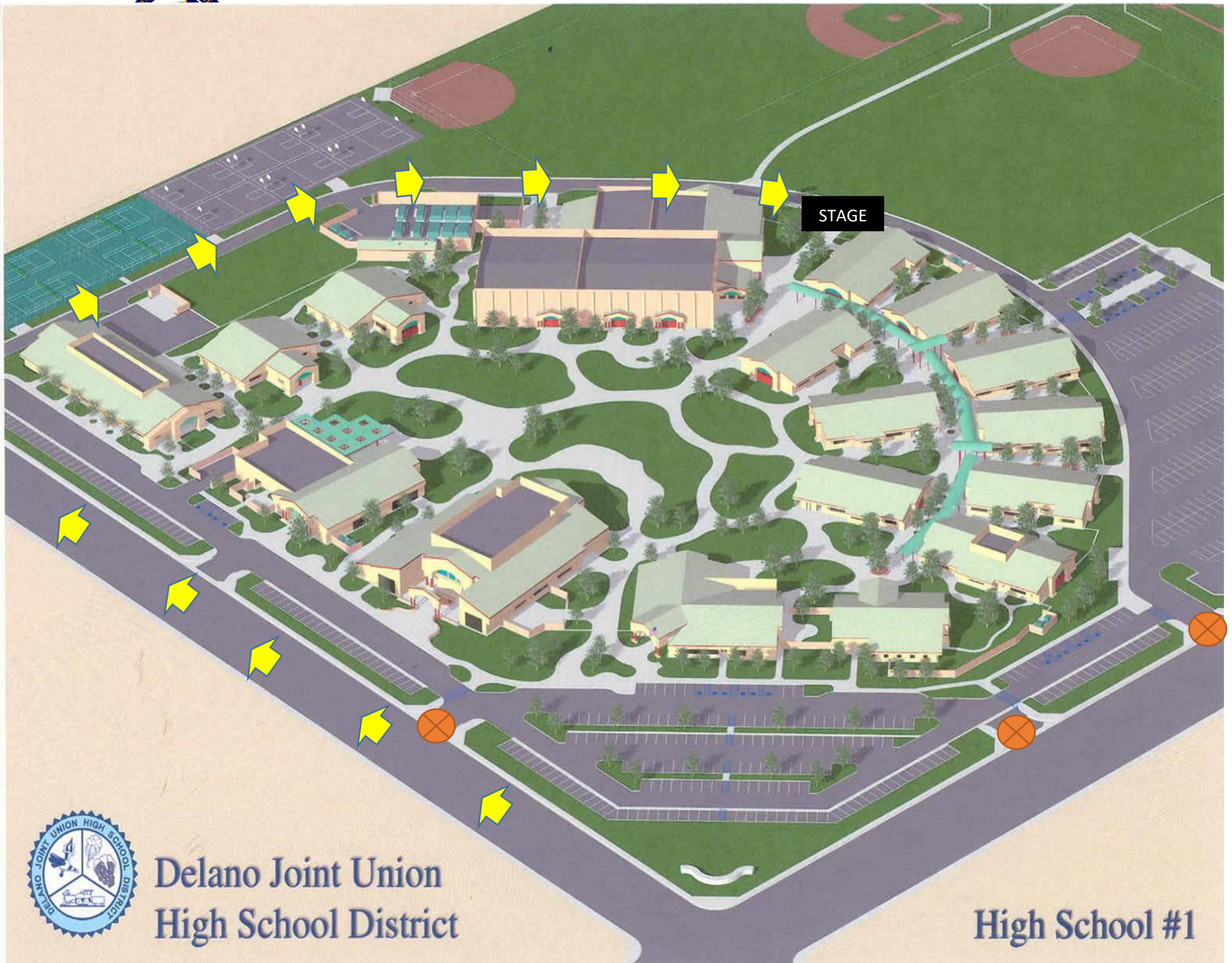
Please refer to the attached map. Contact our school at (661) 720-4504, should you have any questions or concerns.



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INFORMATION TO BE COMMUNICATED WITH STUDENTS/FAMILIES:

- ☐ Each graduate in good standing will be able to participate in his/her graduation ceremony.
- ☐ Each graduate will be allowed to attend the graduation ceremony in one car or truck. For health reasons, the car should not be a convertible or an oversized vehicle (**no motorcycles, limousines, large passenger vans, party buses, large tire trucks/monster trucks, etc.**). There will be no walk – ins and viewing from the sidewalks will be prohibited.
- ☐ There will only be one car/vehicle per graduate admitted to the graduation ceremony.
- ☐ Each graduate may have the number of family members in his/her car that equals the number of factory-installed seat belts within the vehicle.
- ☐ Graduates (and guests), using one car, should arrive at the designated location ON TIME. Please allow for traffic as the ceremony will start on time.
- ☐ Graduates **MUST** be wearing his/her cap and gown to participate. You may use an older sibling's cap & gown. **Please contact your senior counselor if you do not have a cap & gown.**
- ☐ Participating graduates will be pre-screened/vetted before entering the bus road. This process will ensure that **ONLY** authorized vehicles are participating in the procession. Once this is confirmed, a graduation program and Class of 2020 paddle will be distributed in the windshield of each car in accordance with all COVID-19 requirements.
- ☐ The Class of 2020 paddle will be used to request assistance while waiting in vehicles.
- ☐ Graduates will be allowed to decorate his/her car within reason.
- ☐ All graduates will remain in his/her car with the windows up (AC on) before, during and after the entire ceremony. This will be strictly enforced. Not observing this expectation may place this entire process in jeopardy.
- ☐ All DJUHSD Student Code of Conduct expectations and policies will be strictly enforced.
- ☐ Smoking, vaping and alcoholic beverages will not be allowed during this DJUHSD sponsored event.
- ☐ Students are encouraged to share his/her graduation experience via social media. Please use #DJUHSDGrads when tagging pictures.
- ☐ Please ensure proper nutrition, hydration and personal care needs are addressed before attending the ceremony as no vending opportunities will be available.
- ☐ Restrooms will not be available. Please keep in mind that your expected wait time may take up to one hour to complete the ceremony.
- ☐ Vehicle will be in "park" gear as student exits and before boarding vehicle.
- ☐ Not adhering to these expectations and procedures may jeopardize participation in drive thru ceremony.
- ☐ Graduates with extenuating circumstances should contact his/her school principal to discuss these matters



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