



~~May 5, 2021~~
May 11, 2021

Dear Parents & Guardians:

Revised 2021 Graduation Ceremony

Graduation is a milestone for our seniors and their families. We are grateful that we can provide a traditional experience for our graduates this year, yet we still need to wear a mask when in the building per the MN Dept. of Health (MDH).

The Elk River High School graduation ceremony for the class of 2021 is scheduled for Friday, June 11th, 2021 in the Elk River High School gymnasium at 7:00pm. We are excited to offer each graduate our regular amount of **four** in-person guest tickets. The Zabee Theater will be available for overflow guest attendance on a first come, first serve basis. The theater can accommodate up to 800 people, with a large drop down screen to view the live ceremony.

ERHS will provide a live streaming option so that families and friends can view from home. The following link will go live 30 minutes prior to the start of the ceremony www.isd728.org/Livestream-ElkRiver. The viewer will click on the school channel. This information will also be on our school website.

There will be one MDH guideline:

- All guests, students and staff will need to be masked when in the building.

Other relevant information:

- Door A (Main Door) will open at 5:30pm before the 7:00pm ceremony. Doors for the gym and theater will open at 6:00pm. Graduates are to line up by 6:30pm in the Main hallway.
- All guests must present a graduation ticket to enter the gymnasium. No tickets are needed for the Zabee Theater.
- We will use a contactless method of issuing the diploma.
- For those students who are designated 100% Distance Learning, they will have the opportunity to select one of the following options: 1. Participate in the 7:00pm graduation ceremony. 2. Come into the building on Friday, June 11th from 8:00am to 2:00pm with up to two guests and walk across the stage and receive their diploma. 3. To have the diploma mailed (placed in the mail on June 11th) directly to them. ERHS will

communicate (May 11th) with all 100% Distance Learners (through Schoology) asking them to inform us of their choice.

As always, we will update you if additional changes happen before our ceremony on June 11th.

Other Information:

1. Cap and gown distribution:
 - a. Face-to-Face Learners: During lunches on Wednesday, May 19th and Thursday, May 20th (10:45am-12:15pm) or picked up in the Main Office on Friday, May 21st from 8:00am-2:00pm.
 - b. 100% Distance Learners: Picked up in the Main Office on Friday, May 21st from 8:00am-2:00pm.
2. A graduation practice will take place on Thursday, June 10th at 8:00am for those attending the Friday ceremony.
 - a. The **four** guest tickets for graduation will be distributed at rehearsal.
 - b. Honors tassels will be distributed after rehearsal.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jenn Bartlett, ERHS Senior Administrative Assistant, via 763-241-3430 or jennifer.bartlett@isd728.org.

We are excited to celebrate your seniors and their academic successes!

Sincerely,

Terry Bizal, Principal