



SAN FELIPE DEL RIO CISD

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OPTIONS FOR GRADUATION TO BE SURVEYED BY THE CLASS OF 2020

The SFDR CISD graduating class of 2020 will have priority say in the selection of a suitable option for their graduation ceremony through a survey they will receive early next week. District leaders are working to finalize a survey that will present students with a variety of options of alternative solution to a traditional ceremony.

During Monday night's school board meeting, Dr. Carlos Rios, SFDR CISD Superintendent, revealed preliminary options which would allow the District to celebrate the important milestone with the senior class. Since then, "additional options have been added through the input of student representatives from various clubs and student organizations", explained Dr. Rios. "The students agreed to have all of the members of the Class of 2020 express their thoughts through a survey they will take next week."

On Monday, May 4, 2020, the Class of 2020 will receive an e-mail from their principal describing the steps they need to take to access the survey. This information will be sent to the students' unique mail account used to deliver their assignments through the District's Home-Based Instructional Program. The survey will ask the students to indicate their first, second and third choice of options.

It is important to note that the link will only allow the user to submit his or her responses once. Any student who has difficulty accessing their account must contact the Del Rio High School, Early College High School or Blended Academy office for tech support. Seniors may access and take the survey anytime between 8 a.m. on Monday, May 4th thru Wednesday, May 6th at 5:00 p.m.

Results of the electronic survey will be announced to the graduating class as soon as the results are made available.

(See Graphic on Page 2)



Considerations for Graduation - Class of 2020

<i>Options:</i>	Location	# of Students	# of Days	# of Sessions	Other Details:
<i>Option A</i>	SPC Auditorium	100	2	3 sessions/day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduation ceremony would be held indoors. • Air conditioning provided at all times. • Students would be allowed to walk the stage to receive diplomas. • Graduation ceremony would be broadcast live on Spectrum and Facebook. • Only graduates would be permitted to attend the ceremony. • Student speakers would be asked to attend all 6 sessions. (i.e. valedictorian, salutatorian, etc.) • Students would be assigned seats to keep in line with social distancing. • Parents/guests would watch from home.
<i>Option B</i>	Walter Levermann Stadium	300	1	2 sessions/day 8:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduation ceremony would be held outdoors. • Graduation ceremony would be broadcast live on Spectrum and Facebook. • Only graduates would be permitted to attend the ceremony. • Students would be seated at least 6 ft. apart to keep in line with social distancing. • Student speakers would be asked to attend all 6 sessions. (i.e. valedictorian, salutatorian, etc.) • Students would be allowed to walk the stage to receive diplomas. • Parents/guests would watch from home. • Parking access will be by permit only. • Subject to rescheduling due to inclement weather.
<i>Option C</i>	Walter Levermann Stadium	100	3 days	2 session/day 8:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduation ceremony would be held outdoors. • Graduation ceremony would be broadcast live on Spectrum and Facebook. • Students would be seated at least 6 ft. apart to keep in line with social distancing. • Student speakers would be asked to attend all 6 sessions. (i.e. valedictorian, salutatorian, etc.) • Two (2) parents per graduate would be permitted to attend ceremony. Parents would be assigned seats to keep in line with social distancing. • Other family/guests would watch from home. • Parking access will be by permit only. • Subject to rescheduling due to inclement weather.
<i>Option D</i>	Parking Lot Location to be determined	100	3 days	2 sessions/day 8:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduation Ceremony would be held outdoors in a drive-in style setting. • When graduate's name is called, he or she will get out of their vehicle to collect their diploma. • Parents/family would remain and watch from inside their vehicle. • Local radio stations(s) would broadcast graduation so that parents are able to listen from their vehicles. • Each graduate is limited to one car. • Presents a challenge for live video broadcast. • Subject to rescheduling due to inclement weather.
<i>Option E</i>	Virtual Platform	All graduates	1	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduation ceremony would be held via a virtual platform. • All speeches will be pre-recorded. • Student name/picture with caption would be announced and displayed one at a time to recognize graduate. • Entire graduating class is celebrated in one event. • Graduates/parents/guests would watch from home. • Students would collect diploma by appointment or have them mailed to them at a later time.
<i>Option F</i>	Walter Levermann Stadium	All graduates	Postponed date TBD	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postpone traditional graduation ceremony to a date when the "Stay At Home" restriction has been lifted. • Restrictions could be extended through August and beyond. • Postponement could result in a reduced number of student participants.

* Note: All plans are subject to review and approval by city, county and health authorities.