

**DELTA HIGH SCHOOL
DRIVE-IN GRADUATION CEREMONY CONTRACT**

In order to meet the goal of providing a dignified and meaningful graduation ceremony, graduating seniors and parents/guardians will agree to the following. This contract shall be signed, and a copy filed at Delta High School. A student who does not sign and have a copy of this contract on file with the school will not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony.

The Washington State Department of Health has issued guidelines for this type of drive-in ceremony which must be strictly adhered to by all graduates and their families.

Only students, and only their immediate family members who are staying at home together and who are not sick, may arrive in the same vehicle.

(a) All persons attending the ceremony must drive up in an enclosed vehicle and remain in that same vehicle during the entire ceremony. Individuals should not get out of their vehicle during the ceremony for any reason.

(b) Vehicle windows, sunroofs, and convertible tops must remain closed during the entire ceremony unless the vehicle is parked more than six feet from any other vehicle. [Note: We plan to have most vehicles spaced more than 6 feet apart for the ceremony, so open windows may be possible for most vehicles.]

(c) No more than 10 people may be in a single vehicle.

These guidelines confirm that people cannot be sitting in the back of a truck bed. All vehicles must be “normal” size—no limos, no extended vans, etc.

Additional guidance from WSDOH to ensure safe ceremonies:

- *High risk populations should stay home.*
- *People who have COVID-19 or who are in close contact with someone who has COVID19, must remain at home in isolation or quarantine.*
- *People must stay home if they feel sick.*
- *Each vehicle may contain only members from a single household who are not sick (no comingling of families or friends within a vehicle).*
- *There may be no person-to-person contact during any ceremony. Individuals may not hand students diplomas, or any other items, or shake graduates' hands.*
- *Vehicles should be turned off during the ceremony. Only staff may be outside of their cars.*
- *There should be no refreshments to prevent areas of congregation and additional areas to monitor. Restroom access will be limited and available for emergency use only. Anyone waiting in line must be six feet or more apart from others. Students and families should be advised in advance that refreshments will not be available and restroom access limited to emergencies only.*

We encourage students to wear their cap and gown for the ceremony. Since pictures have already been taken and students are in cars, feel free to decorate your cap/gown as desired. We also encourage families to decorate their cars, so long as their decorations are appropriate and would not disrupt the view of another vehicle in the parking lot. Honking your car horn to cheer on your graduate is welcomed, but please make it short to ensure that the name of the next student is able to be heard.

Students and families will agree to:

1. Refrain from disruptive behavior including, but not limited to, those listed below:
 - a. Engaging in any activity that would result in the student being suspended from school on the date of the ceremony according to the schools' Rights and Responsibilities section of the Student Handbook.
 - b. Engaging in any pranks that are disruptive, illegal or cause time and expense on the part of the Pasco School District or City of Pasco officials.
 - c. Possessing or being under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or other substances before or during the graduation ceremony.
 - d. Using beach balls, Frisbees, fireworks, or other items inappropriate to the occasion or that will take the attention away from or disrupt the proceedings.
 - e. Any behavior that will take attention away from the proceedings and could result in harming yourself or others including, but not limited to, shouting or exhibiting rude behavior, making lewd or obscene comments or gestures, committing offensive acts, or **being outside of your car at any time**, with the exception of emergency bathroom needs.

In addition to exemplifying behavior appropriate to the activity, parents/guardians shall instruct and encourage their sons and daughters to adhere to the letter and spirit of the requirements listed here and shall agree to support the school in its enforcement of these and other regulations regarding behavior during the graduation ceremony.

It is understood that any participant failing to adhere to this agreement will be denied participation in the graduation ceremony or will be removed from the ceremony. The school principal will suspend the graduation ceremony immediately prior to its beginning or during the ceremony if, in his/her judgment, allowing the ceremony to continue would be dangerous or would not be in the best interest of the graduates, the school, or Pasco School District.

Student Name: _____

Student
Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian
Signature: _____ Date: _____