

Widefield School District No. 3
Graduation Ceremony
June 11, 2020

PARTICIPATING STUDENT/GUEST WAIVER AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic Widefield School District No. 3 (the “District”) will hold a modified graduation ceremony on June 11, 2020, for those Graduating Seniors. The format of the ceremony will be as follows:

- Graduating Seniors and two guests will be permitted to physically enter the stadium along with essential faculty and staff. All participants will be required to wear masks at all times while in the stadium. Seating and movement of participants will be arranged to maintain proper social distancing. Within those parameters, the graduation ceremony will be as similar to all other graduation ceremonies as we can reasonably make it.

- Two guests will be permitted to enter the stadium, and allowed to park in the stadium parking lot and adjacent areas. The ceremony will be livestreamed on the high school’s website. The link for the livestream will be posted on the high school website.

PARTICIPATION IN THE CEREMONY BY GRADUATING SENIORS IS STRICTLY VOLUNTARY. NO GRADUATING SENIOR WILL BE PENALIZED IN ANY WAY FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

For those Graduating Seniors who will participate in the ceremony, the following permission with waiver and hold harmless agreement must be signed by the Parents *and* the Graduating Senior.

PERMISSION/REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE:

Please check the boxes and complete the following statements as applicable:

I, the undersigned, affirm that I am the parent or legal guardian of the following named Graduating Senior, dob _____: _____ (the “Student”). I hereby give permission for the Student to participate in the District Graduation Ceremony (the “Ceremony”) to be conducted at the **Mesa High School football field located at 6070 Mesa Ridge Parkway, Colorado Springs, CO 80911 on June 11, 2020**, and all essential activities connected therewith, including picking up cap and gown and other necessary matters as requested by the District.

PARENTS’/STUDENT’S REPRESENTATIONS: In consideration of permitting the Student to participate in the Ceremony, and as an express inducement therefore, the Parents and Student hereby state, affirm, and agree to the following:

a. The Student and guests do not have a COVID-19 infection, or any illness, condition, or impairment that would create a direct threat to the health or safety of the Student or others if the Student participates in the Ceremony. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Parents and Student attest that the following statements are true:

1) The Student and guests who will attend the Ceremony have any of the following symptoms (unless related to a chronic disease):

Fever, Cough, Shortness of Breath, Fatigue, Muscle Pain, Chills,
Headache, Diarrhea, Nausea, Sore Throat.

2) The Student and guests who will attend the Ceremony have had close contact with a person suspected of having COVID-19 in the past 14 days.

3) The Student and guests who will attend the Ceremony live with or have provided care to, without the use of a protective mask, a person suspected of having COVID-19.

4) The Student and guests who will attend the Ceremony have shared the same closed environment (e.g., classroom, workspace, gym) with or traveled in close proximity (1 meter or 3 feet) to a person suspected of having COVID-19.

5) The Student and guests who will attend the Ceremony have has face-to-face contact within 1 meter (3 feet) for longer than 15 minutes with a person suspected of having COVID-19.

b. The Parents and Student understand that the World Health Organization, the US Center for Disease Control, the Governor of the State of Colorado have declared a world-wide, nation-wide, and state-wide pandemic of the coronavirus that causes the disease called COVID-19, that there is currently no vaccine or medial cure for COVID-19, that the coronavirus that causes the disease is said to be extraordinarily easy to transmit between people, and that gatherings of large numbers of people or people in close proximity to one another are believed to be the main cause of the spread of COVID-19. Accordingly, any gathering of people, including the Ceremony, is or can be inherently dangerous and unpredictable, and that serious illness or even death can occur as a result of a person’s participation in such an activity.

c. The Parents, and Student understand and agree that the Student’s participation in the Ceremony shall be at the Parents’ and Student’s sole risk, and that, while the District plans to do everything reasonably feasible

to ensure that participants in the Ceremony are safe and protected, the District expressly disclaims any representation or undertaking that the Ceremony is safe for the Student who will attend the Ceremony and further disclaims any and all liability or responsibility for any illness or infection that may occur from or in connection with the Ceremony.

- d. The Parents and Student affirm that they are aware of the kinds of risks they and their child will face in connection with the Ceremony, and recognize that the District will not necessarily be able to protect them or their child from all such risks. The Parents and Student state expressly that they have made a decision to assume such risks and that they understand the District has relied upon this assumption of risk in permitting the Student to participate in the Ceremony.

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS: The Parents and Student hereby waive any and all claims and demands for relief, whether past or future and regardless of the legal or factual bases thereof, that could be asserted in any forum or manner whatsoever, based upon, related to, or concerning the Student's participation in the Ceremony, expressly including but not limited to any claim arising from infection, illness, or death to persons or any economic damages, including those claims based on any alleged or actual NEGLIGENCE, any BREACH OF any express or implied statutory or other duty of care, or mistakes or errors in judgment of any kind, and expressly release, discharge, indemnify and hold harmless the District, its employees, Board of Education members, agents, and insurance carriers from and against any and all such claims and demands regardless when or by whom asserted.

Print Parent/Guardian Name

Telephone Number

Address

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date