



Class of 2019 Graduation Information

The day is almost here when you will be walking across the stage to receive your high school diploma from IDVA. Here are some important details to help you in your planning....

IDVA will hold three formal graduation ceremonies across the state at the end of May. You may choose which ceremony you would like to participate in. Many students outside of the Boise area have asked if they can participate in their local ceremony and then travel to the Nampa ceremony. That would be great! The choice is up to you which ceremony (or ceremonies) you participate in, but we do need to know what your plans are so we can confirm the reservation size and order enough food!

Monday, May 20th- Kroc Center, Coeur d'Alene (Northern Idaho)

3:30: Doors open

4:00-5:00 pm: Rehearsal

5:00-6:15 pm: Break for dinner (on your own)/getting ready

6:30- 7:30 pm: Ceremony

*Reception immediately following, refreshments provided

Wednesday, May 22nd- NNU Brandt Center, NNU Campus, Nampa (Southern Idaho)

3:00 pm: Doors open

3:30-5:00 pm: Rehearsal

5:00-6:15 pm: Break for dinner (on your own)/getting ready

6:30-8:30 pm: Ceremony

*Reception immediately following, refreshments provided

Thursday, May 23rd- Blackfoot Performing Arts Center, Blackfoot (Eastern Idaho)

3:30 pm: Doors open

4:00-5:00 pm: Rehearsal

5:00-6:15 pm: Break for dinner (on your own)/getting ready

6:30-7:30 pm: Ceremony

*Reception immediately following, refreshments provided

To provide us with the information we need, please complete this short senior survey online by **today!** It will only take approximately 5 minutes to complete

<https://tinyurl.com/IDVAClassof2019>

**Commonly asked questions on the following pages.....*

Commonly Asked Questions

What color are the caps and gowns and how do I get them? Caps and Gowns are purple. The cap, gown, and tassel package costs \$50. This will include shipping and handling fees. You will place the order online and the materials will be shipped to your home. After the caps and gowns have been ordered, no refunds are available if you decide not to participate. Ordering will begin on or near **February 1st**. You will receive information via your school email about this. If you would like to donate your cap or gown, please let your counselor know. We use donated sets for students to borrow if they cannot afford their own. If you are in need of borrowing a cap and gown, please contact your counselor.

What should I wear the day of graduation? You may dress casually for the rehearsal. For the ceremony, plan to wear dress clothes under your gown. Remember also, to iron your gown before you come to the ceremony!! Honor chords will be worn by students that have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher (for VHS) and a 3.0 or higher (for Vision High School). You will pick up your Honor chords at the graduation.

I am a talented musician. Can I play at graduation? Yes! We have a selection committee to review all of the entrants. You need to select a song (the one that you want to play or sing at the graduation ceremony) and make a recording of you playing or singing that song. Submit it to Mrs. Lecertua prior to February 1. Duets and ensembles are also encouraged to try out!

Can I order invitations? Yes! You are welcome to design your own invitations or order them from Jostens at the same place you order your caps and gowns. You can also order class rings, sweatshirts, thank you notes, etc., from this site if you would like.

Can I invite anyone that I want to the ceremony? Yes! You have worked very hard to get to this point and we want you to invite your friends and family to celebrate with you. All that we ask is that you complete the senior survey (see above) and list the maximum number of people you are bringing with you. This will help us make sure that we have enough seats for everyone!

Will my teachers be at graduation? Yes! For each ceremony, the IDVA teachers in your area will attend, along with the principal, counselors, and head of school.

What if I am graduating early, or late? Students who are completing graduation requirements between November 2018 and June 2019 are eligible to participate in this ceremony. Students are only eligible to participate in commencement if they have completed **all** graduation requirements. Summer graduates, or students with outstanding requirements (ex: College Entrance Exam), will not be eligible to participate. If your graduation plan involves completion of any 2019 summer school credits, please speak with your counselor about the possibility of participating in the 2020 commencement and when you may expect your high school diploma.

What if I am taking a college course or a correspondence course this year that I need for graduation? You must request official paperwork be sent to IDVA and we must receive it prior to May 15 to be eligible to receive your diploma at the graduation ceremony.

Will there be a slideshow with senior pictures at graduation? Yes! We will have a team working on this for us! The slide show will have one baby picture and one current picture that you submit. Please submit your slideshow pictures to Misty Dietz before **March 1st**.

Can I decorate my Cap? Please do! We would love to see your decorated cap at the ceremony! Be sure it is appropriate for an educational setting.

What about getting my senior picture in the yearbook? The IDVA yearbook will include full color portraits for all seniors. You are not required to have professional photos taken.

Here are your options:

- **IDVA School Photo.** Check the IDVA Newsletter to see when school pictures will be taken in your area.

- **Personal Portrait.** You may take your own photo in a setting of your choice, like your backyard, by a river or lake, etc. The photo should show at least your head and shoulders. If you take your own photo it must be 300 ppi resolution or higher and must be at least three inches in width.

- **Professional Portrait.** If you have senior photos taken by a professional photographer, please make sure that they supply electronic images to you (burned to a CD). Save the electronic file you want to your computer so it can be sent to the Yearbook staff.

Here is how you can submit yearbook photos online:

- Email them to Misty Dietz (mdietz@idahova.org). Please submit them as soon as possible.

Will there be a senior party? IDVA is not going to host a senior party. We will, however, have a reception for graduates and guests at each site after the ceremony. After the reception, you are welcome to celebrate with your family and friends however you would like to.

What else do I need to do? First, complete the online senior survey (link listed above) and keep working hard in your classes! You will most likely have to pass every class on your schedule in order to graduate. Then, please make sure to notify your counselor of any scholarships you have accepted. We like to include that information in the program,. In the graduation program we will be listing what you plan to do after high school and what scholarships you have received.

What if I have other questions? You are always welcome to contact your counselor, Mark Rodel or Jessica Lecertua (VHS Students), or Jesse Altsuler (Idaho Vision Students) at any time. We would love to help you in any way that we can!

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Wow! I am getting excited! So are we! You have worked very hard to get to this point and your high school graduation will be a celebration that you will remember for the rest of your life!