



Union County Public Schools will hold traditional graduations in high school stadiums June 22-26. With health and safety as a priority for all attendees, each graduate will be allowed two guests. UCPS will follow the latest guidelines from the North Carolina Health and Human Services Department (Wear, Wait, Wash), practice social distancing and implement proper sanitation protocols at each graduation.

In the event of severe weather, rain dates have been set to reschedule ceremonies. Principals will communicate directly to seniors and their families, if the date of their graduation is changed.

School	Ceremony Date & Start Time	Location
Central Academy of Technology & Arts	June 22, 2020 • 8 a.m.	Porter Ridge High
Cuthbertson High	June 26, 2020 • 8 a.m.	Cuthbertson High
Forest Hills High	June 22, 2020 • 8 a.m.	Forest Hills High
Marvin Ridge High	June 24, 2020 • 8 a.m.	Marvin Ridge High
Monroe High	June 24, 2020 • 8 p.m.	Parkwood High
Parkwood High	June 24, 2020 • 8 a.m.	Parkwood High
Piedmont High	June 24, 2020 • 8 p.m.	Piedmont High
Porter Ridge High	June 22, 2020 • 8 p.m.	Porter Ridge High
South Providence School	June 23, 2020 • 6 p.m.	Central Academy of Arts & Technology
Sun Valley High	June 26, 2020 • 8 p.m.	Sun Valley High
Union County Early College	June 23, 2020 • 8 a.m.	Porter Ridge High
Weddington High	June 25, 2020 • 8 a.m.	Weddington High
Wolfe School	June 22, 2020 • 9 a.m.	Wolfe School

Make Up Dates

- Make-Up Date 1: June 22, 2020 • 8 p.m.
- Make-Up Date 2: June 23, 2020 • 8 a.m.
- Make-Up Date 3: June 23, 2020 • 8 p.m.
- Make-Up Date 4: June 23, 2020 • 8 p.m.
- Make-Up Date 5: June 25, 2020 • 8 a.m.
- Make-Up Date 6: June 25, 2020 • 8 p.m.
- Make-Up Date 7: June 25, 2020 • 8 p.m.
- Make-Up Date 8: June 26, 2020 • 8 a.m.
- Make-Up Date 9: June 26, 2020 • 8 p.m.
- Make-Up Date 10: June 27, 2020 • 8 a.m.
- Make-Up Date 11: June 27, 2020 • 8 a.m.
- Make-Up Date 12: June 27, 2020 • 8 p.m.
- Make-Up Date 13: June 27, 2020 • 8 p.m.

Union County Public Schools Graduation 2020 Frequently Asked Questions

Will UPCS hold graduations for seniors?

On May 28, 2020, the Union County Board of Education approved a plan to hold traditional graduation ceremonies in high school stadiums, with safety procedures in place for social distancing. Graduations will be held June 22-26, with rain dates scheduled throughout the week and on June 27.

What is the graduation format for this year?

In line with the wishes of the Class of 2020, staff will preserve as many details of what we traditionally value in a graduation ceremony, with some limitations. Pomp and Circumstance and other music will be played via recording instead of a live orchestra or band. No color guard will precede the National Anthem. We will do our best to provide a memorable graduation experience for the Class of 2020 through a ceremony with safety and equity as priorities.

If there is severe weather on the scheduled date, will the ceremonies be rescheduled?

In the event of severe weather, rain dates have been set to reschedule ceremonies. Principals will communicate directly to seniors and their families, if the date of their graduation is changed.

How many guests and parking passes are allowed per graduate?

Due to health and safety provisions, efforts to practice social distancing and limited parking at schools, each graduate will be allowed to invite two guests and one parking pass will be provided.

Will the graduations be shown online?

Yes, each graduation will be recorded for later playback online. Prior to the graduation, the school will provide specific details on where to access links.

Is my graduate required to attend, and is it safe?

There is no attendance requirement for seniors. We will follow the latest guidelines from the North Carolina Health and Human Services Department (Wear, Wait, Wash), practice social distancing and implement proper sanitation protocols at each graduation.

We urge all attendees to make their own personal health decisions regarding attendance and to consider others. Please do not attend if you have been recently exposed to COVID-19 or display any symptoms associated with COVID-19, such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, etc. If you are waiting for COVID-19 test results, stay home until it is safe to be around others.

If my graduate is unable to attend the scheduled graduation, what should he/she do?

Students who are unable to attend the scheduled graduations should contact their principal for assistance.

Should I wear a face covering?

In line with current North Carolina Health and Human Services recommendations (Wear, Wait, Wash), UCPS is encouraging students, staff and guests to wear face coverings upon exiting their vehicles to attend the graduation and continue to wear these face coverings through the graduation until they return to their vehicles to depart. Students will be afforded a brief opportunity to remove the face covering to take an official photograph and/or to speak in an official capacity on stage.

Parents and Students

Please direct all other questions regarding specific graduation ceremonies to each school.