

Ellendale High School Graduation
Sunday, May 24th, 2020 @ 2:00 PM
Ellendale Public School North Gym

Ellendale High School Graduation Ceremony Procedures with Social Distancing Guidelines

- Each graduate will be allowed 16 tickets for guests. Tickets will be distributed to seniors at Graduation Practice on May 21st.
- Graduates will be seated with their class at the front of the gym. Each graduate will have 6 seats on the floor and 10 seats in the bleachers for guests. There will be 6 feet between chairs and bleacher seating. Exceptions to the 6 feet apart rule can be made for immediate family members.
- Seating will be marked in advance to calculate capacity. Attendees should go directly to their seats.
- The event will also be livestreamed on Facebook @EHSCards.
- Graduates are expected to be at the school by 1:00.
- Doors to the school will open at 1:25 to guests. There will be a schedule for family arrivals. The schedule will be provided to seniors at Graduation Practice on May 21st.
- When leaving the building, maintain 6 foot spacing.
- Restrooms will be open but will have limited access.
- There should be no physical contact between anyone who does not reside together before, during, or after the ceremony.
- Those attending the ceremony may consider wearing a mask.
- Our maintenance staff will intensify cleaning, disinfection, and ventilation prior and during the event.
- ***People who are sick should not attend the graduation ceremony. This includes students, their families, and school staff members.*** If you are sick, we encourage you to watch the livestream.
- ***Members of vulnerable population groups should not attend the graduation ceremony. This includes the elderly, individuals with serious underlying health conditions, or those with weakened immune systems.*** If you are a member of the vulnerable population, we encourage you to watch the livestream.
- Further limits or restrictions on who can attend the graduation ceremony, including the option to not allow any spectators to attend, can happen based on CDC, the Governor, and NDDoH guidelines.

The Ellendale Public School will follow each of these guidelines to the best of our ability. However, it should be noted that there is inherent risk in attending a gathering such as graduation. That risk is assumed by those in attendance, to include the students and staff members.

We discussed with our Seniors that this is not the way we want to celebrate their graduation but it is the way we have to. We understand that many of the rules above will create hardships, difficulties, and frustration. Please understand that we must abide by these guidelines to keep the entirety of the group allowed to enjoy this celebration safe. We ask that you support Ellendale Public School during this difficult time. If you have questions about the guidance or anything not answered herein, please email Mr. Herman at mherman@k12.nd.us or call the school at (701) 349-3232.