

Allison Bernard Memorial High School
Graduation Plans 2020
Notice to Students and Parents

Graduating high school is an important milestone for students, families, and their communities. We at ABMHS would like to accomplish this in a special and meaningful way. Our grade 12 students have been through a different graduating year experience and they deserve to be recognized. They have worked hard with determination and perseverance from the day they started school in Kindergarten right up until their Graduation.

We are not able to celebrate our graduations together in our high school gym but we have secured our local pow wow grounds to host the event. There are guidelines that graduates, their families and staff have to follow to ensure the safety of everyone. These guidelines are from the Public Health of Nova Scotia and they will be adhered to.

On June 25th, Graduates will come to the Cultural Pow Wow Grounds in a vehicle. The ceremony will start immediately at 1pm. Graduates will have yard signs to indicate where they are to park. Stay in your vehicle once you arrive until you are called to come to the stage. Only people from a single household or family household bubble can be in each vehicle. Vehicles must park at least 2 meters (6 feet) apart. Attendees must stay in their vehicle during the event. There is no washroom facility at the grounds so please use the bathroom before arriving. Graduates must stay in their vehicle until they are called to cross the stage. The graduate is allowed to be accompanied by a maximum of 4 people and if any of the graduate's supporters are not part of their household/family bubble, they must maintain physical distancing. There will be a designated photographer that will take pictures. The ceremony will be captured on video so that we can make a video collage of the ceremony and share with graduates, families and sponsors.

Pictures/Media

There will be a photo area with a backdrop to take pictures. Only the graduate and their accompanied supporters can be in the photo (with social distancing if they are not from the same household).

All grads were asked to sign a media release, so that picture can be sent to MK and also to the local newspaper. We will also share the video collage with the community. If there is anyone that does not want to be included in the media release footage, please let your principal know.

Every graduation ceremony is special, and this year is no different. This year, however, we have to overcome some different challenges. We ask that you handwash or use hand sanitizer before

coming to the event, and before coming onto the stage. If you choose to wear a mask or PPE, you may do so.

Note

- If any student does not feel comfortable in coming to the grounds for graduation, they will still be included in the virtual graduation that is created.
- We ask that Grads and Guest maintain social distancing (2m apart) from any others.
- We remind everyone to follow proper hand washing protocols prior to arrival
- Hand sanitizer will be available at each station.
- Please do not come to the event if you are feeling unwell.
- Eskasoni Police/Security will ensure that social distancing rules are followed during the event.

A Virtual Graduation video will be posted on-line, which will include the grad slide show, greetings from Chief Leroy and Director of Education, Valedictorian Address and the Keynote speaker.