



Updates from Riverton High School Regarding Graduation 2021

Dear Students and Parents,

In March 2021 we sent a survey to all senior students and their parents listing possible options for graduation 2021. We received over 800 responses, overwhelmingly requesting an in-person graduation ceremony in as few sessions as would be allowed with the greatest number of guest tickets possible.

These responses led us to consider either our own football stadium or an even larger venue if one was available. After much searching, we have been able to secure the use of the **Real Salt Lake Academy Stadium in Herriman for graduation at 10:00 AM on June 3rd, 2021.**

We are so grateful to have located a venue nearby that will allow us to participate as an entire graduating class in one session and will provide multiple tickets per student.

Listed below are some questions and answers that we hope you find helpful as we begin thinking about the graduation 2021.

Question: Why aren't we going to Utah Valley University as we have for past graduations?

Answer: *Utah Valley University quickly informed us that their facility is being remodeled and that they would be unable to host any graduation events this year.*

Question: What about the Maverick Center, Vivint, Huntsman, or another large indoor facility?

Answer: *We have contacted everyone from the Dee Events Center at Weber State to the Marriott Center at BYU and all stadium seating arenas were either booked, have events tentatively scheduled, or are not hosting graduation ceremonies this year.*

Question: Why aren't we doing a graduation in our own stadium?

Answer: *REAL Salt Lake Academy in Herriman can hold approximately 1,000 more people than our own stadium. They also have a large outdoor video board that we can use and will put together all of the other details needed for a graduation, including a stage, chairs, film crew, sound system, parking, bathrooms, event and custodial staff.*

Question: What safety restrictions are in place at Real SL Academy?

Answer: *All participants and guests will need to wear masks during the event. An outdoor event will also lessen the chances of spreading COVID.*

Question: How many tickets will be available per graduating student?

Answer: *Each graduating student will be issued 7 tickets to use for family and friends who want to participate in-person at the event. If a student doesn't use all of his/her tickets, s/he can give them to another family. No one will be admitted without a ticket.*

Question: Will the graduation ceremony be live-streamed?

Answer: Yes. We plan to work with Real SL Academy to stream the ceremony with the same camera that will be used to project it on the video display.

Question: Will there be a graduation parade around Riverton City?

Answer: Yes. Based on senior feedback, Riverton City and RHS will host a graduation parade on the evening of June 2nd. More details to follow.

Question: What will happen in the event of inclement weather?

Answer: In the event that rain in the forecast is imminent, we will determine a set time by which we will inform all graduates and their families via Skylert that our back-up plan will be implemented. The back-up plan will be to use the RHS large gym and host two graduation sessions alphabetically. The back-up plan will be advertised in advance so all students will know where and when to attend as necessary. In the event of lightning during the ceremony, graduation will need to either be paused for 30 minutes or will be moved to RHS's large gym according to the advertised back-up plan. (Light rain? Bring a poncho!)

Question: How will parking work at REAL SL Academy?

Answer: Each student will be asked to limit the number of cars associated with their party to 3, including the graduate. REAL can accommodate that number in their parking lot and the overflow on the dirt fields around the stadium.

Question: How do we sign up for tickets?

Answer: Like most events this year, tickets will be available via a ticketing service likely by student number. Each graduate will get the option of “purchasing” 7 tickets even though the tickets will be free. Tickets will each have a unique QR code that will be scanned upon entry and it is good only once. The link to request tickets will be available soon.

Question: Can I still order a cap and gown?

Answer: Caps and gowns need to be ordered as soon as possible by contacting Jostens (1-800-567-8367, www.jostens.com). Jostens will be delivering caps and gowns to the high school on Wednesday, May 12, 2021. Please submit your order by Friday, May 7, 2021 to ensure Jostens has the right size and can have it delivered to the school on time.