



The School District of Philadelphia
The Philadelphia High School for the Creative and Performing Arts
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****All information regarding graduation and tickets can be found on our website at capa.philasd.org ****

Dear School District of Philadelphia Class of 2021 Graduates and Families,

Congratulations! The Class of 2021 has experienced the unimaginable due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and still you have persevered to soon become outstanding high school graduates. Your commitment to finish the year strong regardless of the obstacles placed in front of you is proof that you are well-prepared to become the leaders, problem solvers, and change-makers that our city, nation and world need now more than ever. All of us at The Philadelphia High School for the Creative and Performing Arts and the School District of Philadelphia are so proud of you!

You deserve to have the full experience of wearing your cap and gown, turning your tassel, and celebrating this key milestone together with your fellow graduates. That's why we are pleased to announce that this year's graduation will be in person. **The ceremony will be held on June 10, 2021, from 1:00 pm to 2:30 PM at**

The Met
858 N Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19130

If our graduation plans are impacted by inclement weather, our rain date is June 16th, and we will contact you with details.

The gate will open promptly at 12:45 pm for entrance. Please have your [Graduate Guest Form](#), [Health Screener](#) and **QR Tickets** ready and available to be checked as you enter.

Ensuring everyone's safety during the ceremony is our highest priority. Here is some important information to help you plan ahead for a safe celebration:

- **In-Person Guests & Tickets** - each graduate will be able to invite a maximum of **two (2)** guests to attend the ceremony in person. This will allow for safe social distancing for all attendees. Tickets will be **emailed** to students **June 1st**. **Tickets**, [Graduate Guest Form](#) and our [Health screener](#) will need to be printed and or produced on a cell phone.
- **Self-Screening** - all students and guests are asked to self-screen at home before the ceremony using this [Self-Screening guide](#). For everyone's safety, please remain at home if you exhibit any symptoms of COVID-19 as outlined in the Self-Screening guide, or any other illness.
- **Support Staff** - there will be school and central office support staff as well as school safety staff present at the graduation to ensure our guests and students have a safe and memorable experience.
- **Arrival and Departure Times** - admission into the venue will begin 15 minutes prior to the graduation ceremony which will begin promptly at 1:00pm. The ceremony will conclude at 2:30 pm. Several school graduations will be held on-site throughout the day so guests are asked to depart within 30 minutes so the site can be prepared for the next graduation ceremony. ***Graduates and guests cannot remain on the site to take pictures. This must be done in another location.***
- **Parking & Public Transit** - Parking is available near the site. The site is located on the Broad Street Line and the closest stop is Oregon Avenue.
- **Masking** - all staff, students and guests are to enter the stadium wearing a face mask and must wear it covering both the nose and mouth at all times while on site. A face mask will be provided if needed.
- **Food and Drink**- no food or drink other than bottled water can be brought on site.
- **Balloons are not allowed on site** - and other decorations are also not allowed. Students **are not** to decorate their caps.
- **Seating** - all seating areas will be marked to support social distancing. Please sit in the designated seats only. Seating is first come first serve.
- **Hand Sanitizer Stations** - these stations will be available for your use throughout the venue.
- **Virtual Graduation Viewing** - family and friends who cannot attend in-person due to capacity constraints can view the ceremony virtually. Details for how to view live will be on our website.

- **Caps and Gowns** - will be distributed at CAPA after our last graduation rehearsal on June 9th. Students MUST be here to get their cap and gown - no exceptions.

Congratulations once again - Class of 2021! We look forward to celebrating this amazing occasion with you. If you have any questions, please contact our school at 215-400-8140 or email our Senior Class Sponsor, Emily Werboff at ewerboff@philasd.org

Sincerely,

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