Hawaii State Department of Education

Hawaii's public schools unveil plans for Class of 2020 graduation celebrations

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HIDOE public and charter high schools have announced alternative celebrations for the class of 2020 according to safety concerns and social distancing guidance.

Public high schools across the state today announced the dates, times and formats of their respective alternative graduation ceremonies. The Hawaii State Department of Education (HIDOE) announced last week that traditional ceremonies at public and charter schools would be replaced with alternative celebrations for the class of 2020 due to safety concerns and social distancing guidance.

"Determining the appropriate ways to honor our graduating class of 2020 has been one of the top priorities for my leadership team over the past several weeks," Deputy Superintendent Phyllis Unebasami said. "While we are disappointed that traditional commencement ceremonies cannot be held due to COVID-19, the thoughtful innovation and care with which our schools and community partners have come together has been inspirational. Mahalo to all of the individuals and organizations who are continuing to work behind the scenes to make the 2020 graduation ceremonies truly special."

Schools have started to share logistics details with parents and guardians. An overview of statewide commencement celebrations is below. The list will continue to be updated on the Department's website as more details become available. For more information, families are encouraged to contact their child's school directly.

Kaimuki-McKinley-Roosevelt Complex Area

School	Date	Commencement Model	Additional Details
Kaimuki High Principal: Jamie Dela Cruz Senior count: 143	May 23	Virtual and drive-through diploma-cover pickup.	Virtual ceremony streamed and aired on select media outlets. Security will be in place.
McKinley High Principal: Ron Okamura Senior count: 356	May 24	Virtual and drive-through diploma-cover pickup.	Virtual ceremony will be livestreamed. Security will be in place.
Roosevelt High Principal: Sean Wong Senior count: 309	May 20	Virtual and drive-through diploma-cover pickup.	Virtual ceremony will be livestreamed. Security will be in place.
Anuenue School Principal: Christopher Yim Senior count: 18	May 23	Virtual and drive-through diploma-cover pickup.	

Farrington-Kaiser-Kalani Complex Area

School	Date	Commencement Model	Additional Details
Farrington High Principal: Alfredo Carganilla Senior count: 556	May 23	Virtual.	Virtual ceremony will be livestreamed and broadcast on select media outlets.

Kaiser High Principal: Justin Mew Senior count: 277	May 22	Virtual and drive-through diploma-cover pickup.	Virtual ceremony streamed via select media outlets. Security will be in place.
Kalani High Principal: Mitchell Otani Senior count: 304	May 30	Virtual.	Produced video will be streamed via select media outlets.
Hawaii School for the Deaf & Blind Principal: Kinau Gardner Senior count: 9	May 27	Virtual.	Livestreamed via select media outlets.

Leilehua-Mililani-Waialua Complex Area

School	Date	Commencement Model	Additional Details
Leilehua High Principal: Jason Nakamoto Senior count: 332	May 22	Virtual and drive-through diploma-cover pickup.	Security will be in place.
Mililani High Principal: Frederick Murphy Senior count: 638	May 17	Virtual and drive-through diploma-cover pickup.	Security will be in place.
Waialua High & Intermediate Principal: Christine Alexander Senior count: 100	May 23	Drive-in theater program and drive-through diploma-cover pickup.	Security will be in place.

Aiea-Moanalua-Radford Complex Area

School	Date	Commencement Model	Additional Details
Aiea High Principal: David Tanuvasa Senior count: 256	May 20	Virtual and drive-through diploma-cover pickup.	Security will be in place.
Moanalua High Principal: Robin Martin Senior count: 510	May 22-24	Virtual and drive-through diploma-cover pickup.	Security will be in place.
Radford High Principal: James Sunday Senior count: 294	May 22	Virtual and drive-through diploma-cover pickup.	Security will be in place.

Pearl City-Waipahu Complex Area

School	Date	Commencement Model	Additional Details
Pearl City High Principal: Joseph Halfmann Senior count: 370	May 30	Virtual and drive-through diploma-cover pickup.	Livestreamed via select media outlets. Security will be in place.
Waipahu High Principal: Keith Hayashi	May 29	Virtual.	Aired on select media outlets.

Senior count: 607			

Nanakuli-Waianae Complex Area

School	Date	Commencement Model	Additional Details
Nanakuli High & Intermediate Principal: Darin Pilialoha Senior count: 142	May 31	Virtual and drive-through diploma-cover pickup.	Livestreamed via select media outlets. Security will be in place.
Waianae High Principal: Disa Hauge Senior count: 370	May 22 and May 26-28.	Virtual on May 22 and drive-through diploma packet pickup from May 26-28.	Livestreamed via select media outlets. Security will be in place.

Campbell-Kapolei Complex Area

School	Date	Commencement Model	Additional Details
Campbell High Principal: Jon Henry Lee Senior count: 687	May 15	Virtual.	Livestreamed via select media outlets.
Kapolei High Principal: Wesley Shinkawa Senior count: 460	May 31	Virtual.	Livestreamed via select media outlets. Security will be in place.

Castle-Kahuku Complex Area

School	Date	Commencement Model	Additional Details
Castle High Principal: Bernadette Tyrell Senior count: 253	May 23	Virtual.	
Kahuku High & Intermediate Principal: Donna Lindsey Senior count: 211	May 21	Drive-through diploma-cover pickup.	Security will be in place.

Kailua-Kalaheo Complex Area

School	Date	Commencement Model	Additional Details
Kailua High Principal: Stacey Oshio Senior count: 202	May 23	Virtual and drive-through diploma-cover pickup.	Security will be in place.
Kalaheo High Principal: James Rippard Senior count: 186	May 26-27	Virtual and drive-through diploma-cover pickup.	Security will be in place.
Olomana School Principal: John Secreto Senior count: 0		No seniors this year.	

Kau-Keaau-Pahoa Complex Area

School	Date	Commencement Model	Additional Details
Kau High & Pahala Elementary Principal: Sharon Beck Senior count: 42	May 22	Virtual and drive-through diploma-cover pickup.	Security will be in place.
Keaau High Principal: Dean Cevallos Senior count: 233	May 22	Virtual and drive-through diploma-cover pickup.	Security will be in place.
Pahoa High & Intermediate Principal: Darlene Bee Senior count: 85	May 24	Virtual and drive-through diploma-cover pickup.	Security will be in place.

Hilo-Waiakea Complex Area

School	Date	Commencement Model	Additional Details
Hilo High Principal: Jasmine Urasaki Senior count: 265	May 22	Virtual and drive-through diploma-cover pickup.	Virtual ceremony will be livestreamed. Security will be in place.
Waiakea High Principal: Kelcy Koga Senior count: 336	May 23	Virtual and drive-through diploma-cover pickup.	Virtual ceremony will be streamed via select media outlets. Security will be in place.

Honokaa-Kealakehe-Kohala-Konawaena Complex Area

School	Date	Commencement Model	Additional Details
Honokaa High and Intermediate Principal: Rachelle Matsumura Senior count: 120	May 23	Virtual and drive-through diploma-cover pickup.	Security will be in place.
Ke Kula O Ehunuikaimalino Principal: Keliʻikanoe Mahi Senior count: 10	May 22	Diploma-cover pickup.	
Kealakehe High Principal: Glenn Gray Senior count: 229	May 23	Virtual.	
Kohala High Principal: Amy Stafford Senior count: 58	May 23	Virtual and drive-through diploma-cover pickup.	Virtual ceremony will be livestreamed. Security will be in place.
Konawaena High Principal: Shawn Suzuki Senior count: 187	May 23	Virtual and drive-through diploma-cover pickup.	Virtual ceremony will be livestreamed. Security will be in place.

Baldwin-Kekaulike-Maui Complex Area

School	Date	Commencement Model	Additional Details
	May 21	Virtual and drive-through diploma-cover	Livestreamed via select

Baldwin High Principal: Keoni Wilhelm Senior count: 292		pickup.	media outlets. Security will be in place.
Kekaulike High Principal: Amy Strand Senior count: 242	May 20	Virtual and drive-through diploma-cover pickup.	Security will be in place.
Maui High Principal: Jamie Yap Senior count: 420	May 17	Virtual and drive-through diploma-cover pickup.	Security will be in place.

Hana-Lahainaluna-Lanai-Molokai Complex Area

School	Date	Commencement Model	Additional Details
Hana High & Elementary Principal: Christopher Sanita Senior count: 23	May 23	Virtual and drive-through diploma-cover pickup.	Security will be in place.
Lahainaluna High Principal: Jeri Dean Senior count: 209	May 24	Virtual and pending details for additional plans.	Streamed via select media outlets. Lighting of the "L" on Puʻu Paʻupaʻu on May 24 at 7:30 p.m.
Lanai High & Elementary Principal: Elton Kinoshita Senior count: 39	May 23	Virtual.	Seniors will be pre-recorded for graduation video.
Molokai High Principal: Katina Soares Senior count: 73	May 23	Virtual and drive-through diploma-cover pickup.	Security will be in place.

Kapaa-Kauai-Waimea Complex Area

School	Date	Commencement Model	Additional Details
Kapaa High Principal: Thomas "Tommy" John Cox Senior count: 234	May 22	Virtual and drive-in theatre program followed by diploma-cover pickup.	Security will be in place.
Kauai High Principal: Marlene Leary Senior count: 272	May 22	Virtual and drive-through diploma-cover pickup.	Security will be in place.
Waimea High Principal: Mahina Anguay Senior count: 155	May 22	Virtual and drive-through diploma-cover pickup.	Security will be in place.

Charter Schools

School	Date	Commencement Model	Additional Details
Connections PCS Principal: John Thatcher	TBD	Postponed.	

Senior count: 26			
Hakipuu Learning Center PCS Principal: Michael Nakasato Senior count: 4	TBD	Postponed.	
Halau Ku Mana Principal: Keolani Noa Senior count: 14	May 23	Virtual.	
Hawaii Technology Academy PCS Executive Director: Stacey Bobo Senior count: 122	May 23	Grab and Go diploma ceremonies.	
Hawaii Academy of Arts & Science PCS Director: Steve Hirakami Senior count: 55	May 22	Virtual.	
Kamaile Academy Principal: Paul Kepka Senior count: 31	May 21	Virtual.	
Kanu O Ka Aina PCS Principal: Allyson Tamura Senior count: 13	TBD	Virtual.	
Kanuikapono PCS Principal: Kanoe Ahuna Senior count: 3	TBD	Virtual.	
Kawaikini PCS Principal: Kalae Tanaka Senior count: 6		Canceled.	
Ke Ana Laahana PCS Principal: Mapuana Waipa Senior count: 7	May 24	Virtual.	
Ke Kula 'o Samuel M. Kamakau PCS Director: Meahilahila Kelling Senior count: 2	May 23	Virtual.	
Ke Kula Niihau O Kekaha PCS Director: Tia Koerte Senior count: 2	May 26	Virtual.	
Kihei Charter School PCS Head of School: Michael Stubbs Senior count: 48	May 29	Virtual.	
Kua O Ka La PCS	TBD	Virtual.	

Principal: Kapoula Thompson Senior count: 5			
Kula Aupuni Niihau PCS Director: Hedy Sullivan Senior count: 1		Canceled.	
Laupahoehoe Community PCS Director: Kurt Rix Senior count: 12	May 22	Virtual.	
Myron Thompson Academy Principal: Diana Oshiro Senior count: 25	May 29	Virtual.	
University Laboratory School Principal: A. Keoni Jeremiah Senior count: 48	May 22	Virtual.	
West Hawaii Explorations PCS Director: Heather Nakakura Senior count: 34	May 22	Virtual and drive-through diploma-cover pickup.	Security will be in place.

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