



Sisters High School

“Home of the Outlaws”

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To the Students, Parents and Guardians of the Class of 2020

Oregon Department of Education’s (ODE) informed us on April 8, 2020 that your graduation status will be based on your course progress prior to the extended school closure on March 13, 2020. Additionally, ODE will not require Essential Skills for the class of 2020. Let me try to explain the details and the steps that will take place. Honestly, it is fairly simple and straightforward for the majority of our students.

1. We will Review grades of our seniors by Friday, April 17, 2020.
 - a. If you are earning a passing grade (A - D), you will be awarded a “PASS” and credit for the class.
 - b. If any senior is determined to be failing a course, that senior shall be awarded an “Incomplete” or “Withdrawal” status. If the class is required, or needed to earn a diploma, we will provide opportunities for the senior to earn a “Pass” by the end of the school year. We can extend this until August 31, 2020 in order to help the student if they wish to be a member of the Class of 2020.
2. We will notify all seniors by April 30, 2020 of their status.
 - a. Most of you probably know your status, but we will do an audit over the next couple of weeks and inform you of your official status.
3. In regards to active participation in classes, internships, etc.

Seniors meeting credit requirements for a Diploma:

While seniors have fulfilled the requirements to graduate and are essentially finished, we would love for you to try and stay connected, involved and/or engaged. I know many of our teachers have reached out to seniors asking if they could help or if they would still like to be part of the class. Please know, this is not a requirement. It is basically our desire to keep connected and hopefully it’s an opportunity for seniors to keep mentally stimulated.

Seniors needing credit to meet requirements for a Diploma:

We will work with each individual who needs additional credits to meet the requirements for a Diploma with the goal of creating a plan to help you be part of the Graduating Class of 2020.

For those of you that have siblings and friends in other grades who may be wondering about their status, let them know we’re still putting a packet together for them. Please encourage all freshman, sophomores, and juniors to participate in the learning activities to the best of their abilities that will be provided to them by our teachers. ODE is still working on details regarding grades and credits for 9th – 11th grade. We had guidance prior to the decision on April 8th to extend Distance Learning for the rest of the year. Now that we’ll be in this Distance Learning format for the rest of the year, things are a bit more complicated. Our goal is to get answers to everyone next week.

We will continue to collect ideas to celebrate our graduates. My feeling from talking to so many people is that this is going to be different, but it really seems to be turning into something special. We will continue to send emails as information comes to us. My hope is that you stay connected and stay engaged.

Go Outlaws!

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