

Enlightium Academy Private Graduation Ceremony Tips

2020-2021 School Year

What a blessing to have your own private graduation ceremony! We are planning to offer a live graduation ceremony in Spokane, Washington, yet not all seniors are able to join. Therefore, we put together some suggestions that will help you to plan a successful private graduation ceremony:

Set the graduation day. Diploma covers will be sent to your household address in late April to all students that have a projected graduation date on or before May 15, 2021. Your diploma, official transcript (in a sealed envelope), and your student copy transcript will be sent in about four weeks after you meet graduation requirements to the address you provided on your student's Graduation Information Form (GIF). To ensure there is no delay in receiving your diploma packet, please have your Graduation Information Form submitted at least six weeks before you meet graduation requirements. Mrs. Yohe can help you if you have not submitted your GIF and have misplaced your email including the GIF link.

Please, make sure your parents take part of this event planning as cost might be involved:

Send invitations to your friends and relatives. You can have as many guests as you desire and are able to host.

Find a host for your graduation. It can be one of your relatives or a family friend.

Write a "Thank You" letter to your parents or guardians. You may highlight your childhood experiences, memories, or reasons why you are thankful for them. Make it up to one page long and read this letter during your graduation speech.

Your parents or guardians can write a letter about their memories of your childhood, such as Bible verses, words of encouragement, etc.

Create a slideshow with pictures ranging from your childhood to your high school years. Include high quality pictures of yourself with individual friends and family members, as well as you participating in sports, events and more. Choose your childhood pictures up to your graduation, for a large variety and a longer run time you may select up to 50 or more. The slide show can run prior to you accepting your diploma and/or after the ceremony ends.

Put some thought into your graduation speech. Ideas include:

- Life lessons you have learned while attending Enlightium.
- How many years you have attended Enlightium.
- Your life verse: a Bible verse or saying that motivates you in achieving your goals.
- A person who you are thankful for or your personal hero.
- Your community involvement, such as church activities, community service, etc.

- Your plans for the future: college, enlisting in the military, work, etc.

Create a basic plan for your private graduation ceremony.

- Set up and decorate ahead of time.
- Play your slideshow.
- As all guests settle in, the host should welcome everyone and pray for the event.
- Play a graduation song or music. Make sure it is in good taste and reflective of your character.
- Give a speech and read your letter to your parents or guardians.
- Allow your parents or guardians to share their heart about you.
- Have a parent, guardian or a mentor present your diploma to you.
- Celebrate with a meal.

Write a testimony of your time with Enlightium Academy. You can share the testimony on:

- [Enlightium's Facebook page](#)
- [Google review](#)
- Submit to Enlightium Administration at admin@enlightiumacademy.com

Suggested graduation agenda:

1. Welcoming & Prayer (Host)
2. Congratulations from the Enlightium Team (link will be provided)
3. Video clip "My up until this day"
4. The graduate thanks parents (read letter)
5. Parent(s) read letter(s) to their graduate
6. Parents present Enlightium's diploma to their graduate
7. Graduation music

Reception to follow (as applicable)

The Enlightium Academy team is excited about your private graduation ceremony. Please let us know how it went! Feel free to email communications@enlightiumacademy.com pictures or video clips from your ceremony, which we may post on our Facebook page, and/or send other families via email to

Many Blessings,
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