

The DOE is committed to supporting schools in finding meaningful and creative ways to celebrate the class of 2021, in these unprecedented times. Review the updated DOE guidance below and the DOE [End-of-School Year Activities Guidance](#) on InfoHub regarding graduations and other end-of-year activities.

In-Person Prom Guidance: Proms typically involve eating and drinking, which require removal of face coverings, and dancing, which can potentially promote COVID-19 transmission. As a result, in-person proms, both indoor and outdoor, are not permitted at this time.

Outdoor Graduation and Moving-Up Ceremonies Guidance: In addition to virtual graduations and moving-up ceremonies, outdoor graduations and moving-up ceremonies are permissible only if they adhere, at a minimum, to the [New York City low-risk outdoor arts and entertainment guidelines](#) as well as the [DOE COVID-19 School Health Policy](#).

Virtual Graduations, Moving-up Ceremonies, and Celebrations: In addition to outdoor in-person graduations, it is recommended that schools hold virtual graduations, moving-up ceremonies (including livestreams), and virtual proms to celebrate their students.

Recommended Security Considerations: To ensure that virtual ceremonies have appropriate security in place, it is recommended that events be configured in a way so that attendees do not have the opportunity to disrupt the event. As such, virtual graduations and moving-up ceremonies are recommended to be configured as view-only, so that participants cannot share audio, video, or desktop sessions, and participants cannot rename themselves or interact in a whiteboard session. Private chats between participants and attendees are recommended to be disabled, and any Q&A functionality is recommended to be limited to providing technical support to attendees. This can be accomplished by leveraging a platform that automatically enforces appropriate participant rules (Zoom Webinar Rooms, Microsoft Teams Live Events), or by providing a livestream of the event that the graduates and families can only watch.

For questions, submit a ticket at <https://charterschools.mojohelpdesk.com/>.

Your DOE credentials may be required to access the links above. Not that all content on the InfoHub link may be relevant to charter schools.