



School District 42 Alternate Secondary  
Reconnex Program  
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Dear Parents / Guardians,

We have received direction from our superintendent regarding graduation celebrations for SD42 students this year. Given the current circumstances, and in order to keep everybody safe, our 2020 graduation ceremony will be a virtual celebration in June.

A graduation video will be created and posted on the SD#42 website to celebrate all of our graduates' accomplishments. We plan to screen this live over Helix, SD42's secure streaming site, in late June. We will compile students' photos into a virtual graduation ceremony that students and their families can watch and share. Please send a photo of your son/daughter in their formal wear and/or a baby photo to be included in the slideshow; just put your child's name in the subject line and email photos to [Lori\\_Hamilton@sd42.ca](mailto:Lori_Hamilton@sd42.ca).

Mountain West Studios will be taking grad photos for our students at the Riverside Centre, in the Learning Centre, just to the left as you enter the building, on Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> between 10:00am and 2:00pm. Students must sign up by visiting [www.mountainwest.ca](http://www.mountainwest.ca) and completing the following steps:

1. Click on "Book a Photo Session" at the top of the page.
2. A new page will open. On the left side of the page from the drop-down menu, select Reconnex.
3. Next, under Session, select "Grad Portrait" from the drop-down menu on the left side of the page.
4. Select June 10<sup>th</sup>.
5. Select a time and complete the requested information. Two phone numbers are required. (The Reconnex phone number can be used as the "home" number if need be.) The required student ID number will be provided by Tim or Lori. And please ensure you provide a valid email as this is where confirmation, appointment reminder, and photo proofs will be sent.

Students should arrive 15 minutes prior to their scheduled appointment. They may not bring anyone with them; only the student will be granted access to the building. Students may wear their formal grad attire, but we will provide souvenir caps and gowns for students to wear for photos as well as the Graduation Folio for each student. The caps and gowns are keepsakes for students to take home. Following the grad photo session, students will proceed to the Reconnex classroom where we will be able to take additional photos, as well as present grad gifts and mementos. Steve, Peter, Kim, and Karen will join us as we express our congratulations and best wishes, all using safe social distancing.

We join you in celebrating your child's achievements. There is much to be proud of in your child's accomplishments, as well as your part in helping your child realize this day. This marks the end of one road and the beginning of another.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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