



# Graduation Day Information

## Location & Schedule

Charlotte Motor Speedway  
5555 Concord Pkwy., S.  
Concord, N.C. 28027

**Thursday, May 12  
2022**

- Arrival: 8 a.m.
- Ceremony Starts: 9 a.m.



## Cap & Gown

Graduates must wear a cap and gown.

Caps may be decorated but must follow Student Code of Conduct.



## Graduation Procedures

- Arrive on time: 8 a.m. for the ceremony.
- A name card with **first name only** in all caps should be displayed on an 8.5x11 sheet of paper and placed in the passenger dashboard so that it is visible from outside your vehicle.
- Please make sure the hang tag you received at Grad Fair is visible.
- All vehicles will be checked in upon arrival.
- Any vehicles not meeting the guidelines below will be turned away.

**There will be staff and signs guiding vehicles through the Speedway.**

- Vehicles will enter and park in front of the Speedway TV.
- Everyone will check in with their name and program of study.
- Before the ceremony begins, you will be able to enjoy videos congratulating you and your fellow students.
- Following the video presentation, vehicles will then proceed to the START/FINISH line, where students will be awarded their diplomas.
- Vehicles will exit the Speedway immediately after the diploma presentation.

## Vehicle Criteria

- One graduate per car, seated in the front passenger seat.
- Each passenger must have a seatbelt fastened.
- Personal vehicles only.
- All occupants must **remain in their vehicle at all times**.

**Prohibited vehicles:** 10-15 passenger vans, motorcycles, limousines, RVs, buses, trailers, commercial vehicles or any other non-personal vehicle.

**Pickup trucks:** No passenger(s) in the bed of the truck.

**Convertibles:** Passengers must be seated, no riding parade-style.

Decorations are limited to the celebration of you, the student, and must:

- Follow the Student Code of Conduct.
- Be fastened to the vehicle.
- No items following/trailing the vehicle.

## Important Notes

- Vehicles must remain in the outlined areas.
- Follow all directions given by staff and law enforcement for parking and movement.



# Questions & Answers

## **Who can attend?**

Each graduate will be allowed to bring one car with family/friends inside.

## **What kind of vehicle can I bring?**

A personal vehicle. Limousines, 10-15 passenger vans, RVs, buses, cars with trailers, commercial vehicles, or other non-personal vehicles are prohibited. Pickup trucks are allowed, but passengers may not ride in the bed of the truck. If you are concerned about whether your vehicle will be allowed, contact the College and get approval.

## **Can I ride a motorcycle?**

No. Motorcycles are prohibited. All graduates must be in a personal vehicle.

## **Can a car have more than one graduate in the vehicle?**

Each car should contain only one graduate. Graduates will ride in the front, passenger seat.

## **Are rental cars OK?**

If the rental car qualifies as a personal vehicle, then yes.

## **How will I get my diploma?**

Diplomas are mailed to all students. Graduates will drive “across the finish line” with their family and friends, where they will receive a diploma cover.

## **What happens when I park?**

Several videos will play on the Speedway TV as you and your classmates arrive. There will be a short ceremony, but the majority of the time will be spent driving across the finish line and celebrating each graduate. During this unique year of COVID-19, our goal is to provide our graduates and their families with a unique experience.

## **Will I get to walk across the stage?**

Graduates will drive across the finish line with their family and friends. A college official will hand each graduate his/her diploma cover.

## **Can I wear my cap and gown?**

Yes. Graduates will wear the traditional commencement attire with cap, gown, and any honorary regalia. Graduates should pick up graduation attire at Grad Fair on May 3 at North Campus in Salisbury or May 4 at South Campus in Concord.

## **How will I be able to hear the ceremony?**

The Charlotte Motor Speedway is equipped with an FM station. Upon arrival, the station will be posted around the Speedway. Graduates and their families will tune-in to the station and hear the entire ceremony in their cars.

## **What happens after I cross the finish line?**

Graduates and their families will follow a route through the Speedway and exit. Although this is not our traditional celebration, it is necessary to maintain social distancing, provide safety, and allow time for all graduates to receive their diploma cover.

## **Will there be a live stream for the graduation ceremonies?**

Yes. The ceremony will be streamed live on Charlotte Motor Speedway’s YouTube channel. Follow the link here: [www.youtube.com/CLTMotorSpdwy](http://www.youtube.com/CLTMotorSpdwy).

## **If it rains, will graduation be canceled?**

No, we have plans in place to deal with rainy weather.