

## **Rules for Graduation at Bristol Motor Speedway**

1. We will be grateful guests of Bristol Motor Speedway. We will treat their facilities like our most prized possessions. We will treat their employees with the utmost respect and follow any directives they issue.
2. Your actions directly reflect you, your family, your classmates, and Virginia High School's reputation.
3. You are to be on your best behavior. If we sense the use of anything illegal (drugs, alcohol, weapons, things to throw, etc.) You will immediately be removed from the ceremony and asked to leave the premises.
4. Please be sure to encourage all riders in your car to use the restroom prior to arriving in the South Parking Lot. The only restrooms available will be a limited number of Port-A-Johns in the infield.
5. The family of graduating Seniors will be allowed to bring 1 car onto the track. If your family has extenuating circumstances that create a need for a Bonus vehicle, we may be able to accommodate a Bonus vehicle that will remain parked at the back of the group for the entire ceremony. Please contact [requests@bvps.org](mailto:requests@bvps.org) to make a request.
6. The top 10 should enter through the North Entrance by 3:45 p.m. and follow the directional signs and staff guidance to the line-up area. All others should arrive and enter through the North Entrance between 4:00 p.m. and 4:45 p.m. Anyone arriving after 4:45 may not be able to participate.
7. Seniors will practice physical distancing at all times. Physical distancing includes maintaining at least 6 feet of distance between themselves and other people, and only exit their car when instructed to do so by staff. Seniors will not be required to wear a face covering, but are encouraged to do so if he or she is feeling at all unwell. As you are aware, we are in the midst of a worldwide pandemic, and it is important that we do our part to ensure the safety of ourselves and others. That said, we cannot eliminate all risk of becoming infected, and trust that each person who chooses to participate is doing so with full knowledge and understanding of the risks involved.
8. Vehicles may not include decorations that could be dislodged and cause debris on the track or that are inappropriate or could be offensive to others. The school reserves the right to require removal of any decorations that do not comply with this provision.
9. Although the temptation will be great, drivers should not exceed 5 mph while on the track. For the safety of all involved, Bristol Virginia Police Officers will be stationed on the track.

## **DRESS FOR COMMENCEMENT**

### **FEMALES**

- Black Robe

- Dress length no longer than robe
- Dark Shoes (no boots, dress sandals only with heels) – No exceptions
- Modest Jewelry (No flashy colors or excessive amounts)
- No bright or large hair ornaments
- Do not wear white collars

## **MALES**

- Black Robe
- Dark dress pants (no jeans, nor shorts) NO EXCEPTIONS
- Dress Shoes (no boots, no tennis shoes, no sandals) NO EXCEPTIONS
- Dark Socks
- White or light colored shirt
- Dark Colored Tie
- Hair – neat

## **FEMALES AND MALES**

- Mortarboards must be straight on the top of your head.
- Peak of the board must be in the middle of the forehead
- Tassel on the right side until graduation is complete
- Hairstyles must be simple to allow for mortarboard to rest securely on your head
- Watch your posture, walk erect, do not slump
- No gum at all