

2011 DoDEA Pacific Graduation KBHS Live Webcast

What:

KBHS is participating in a pilot live webcast of our 2011 graduation ceremony.

Who:

2011 DoDEA Pacific graduating seniors from Kubasaki HS. KBHS is also planning to record our graduation ceremony and posting it online afterwards for on-demand viewing.

A cadre of volunteer staff and students has volunteered to make all this all possible.

Why:

Military families make so many sacrifices and we want to do all we can to help them reconnect on this very special day. Deployed parents would not otherwise have a way to attend their child's high school graduation ceremony. Being overseas, most extended family members are also unable to participate. Live webcasting of these special events is a way for families separated by oceans and circumstances to take part in one of the most important days of a young person's life: high school graduation.

When and Where:

Kubasaki HS

Ceremony date and time: Sat. 11 June, 14:00 (JST), 15:00 (local Guam time), 01:00 (EST)

[Link: http://www.facebook.com/dodea.pacific?sk=app_128953167177144](http://www.facebook.com/dodea.pacific?sk=app_128953167177144)

Password: On our school intranet site: "Student Resources" and communicated in school emails. Please share this password with students, employees, families, deployed sponsors, and other appropriate individuals in our community. However, please do not post the viewer password on public-facing web sites: OPSEC still applies. E-mail or intranet portals are good options. We will provide the information if you call or visit our school or office.

How:

We are using new video equipment provided to our high school Career Technical Education (CTE) programs over the past few months. A group of volunteer students and staff are serving as production teams at participating schools. The webcasts will be hosted on the official DoDEA Pacific FaceBook page using a combination of custom-coded tabs and the uStream/Watershed content delivery platform.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q. Why does the player show “off air” and I only see a black screen?

A. The player will only be active when a live webcast is underway. If you see this during the scheduled ceremony and you know the school is participating in the live webcasting pilot, try to force refresh the page (CTRL + R on a PC, CMD + R on a Mac) or quit and restart your browser. If you still see the “off air” text, the school may be having technical difficulties.

Q. What is the viewer password?

A. The password is: **dpacgrads2011!**

Please contact your child’s school to get more details. You can also send a help request to: PublicAffairs@pac.dodea.edu

Q. Can I share the password with others?

A. Yes, as long as they have some connection to the school. Please feel free to share with friends, neighbors, extended family members, and anyone else with a legitimate need or interest to view the live webcast.

Q. What do I need to watch?

A. A broadband connection; speakers; modern web browser such as Chrome, Firefox, Safari, IE8, etc; and Adobe Flash v10.2 or higher:
<http://get.adobe.com/flashplayer/>

Q. Can I watch the webcasts on my mobile device?

A. Possibly. Your mobile device must support Adobe Flash 10.2 or higher. Apple devices such as iPads and iPhones do not support Flash and will not work. Other mobile devices may work but keep in mind these ceremonies often run an hour or longer and you may be charged high data fees by your mobile service provider. We recommend that if you choose to view on a mobile device, you do so from a Wi-Fi network.

Q. Can I interact with my graduating child?

A. No. Although we plan to introduce interactive features in the future, this initial pilot is a basic live video stream only.

Q. Can the stream be full screen?

A. Yes, there is a full screen button on the player.

Q. Why is the picture not high definition?

A. The stream is being encoded and delivered at a modest data rate of 512k per second. This is to balance available bandwidth at the graduation location with what most viewers are likely to have available on their end.

Q. Why are camera shots bumpy and the audio too low or high sometimes?

A. This is an entirely homegrown effort; a cadre of staff and student volunteers at each participating school is making this all possible so please understand there may be some bumps along the way. This process is all new to them and they have little training and experience with this new equipment or the demands of live broadcasting. Thanks in advance for your patience and understanding.

Q. Are closed captions available?

A. No. We are unable to provide real-time closed-captioning during these pilot live webcasts; however we plan to do so in the future. The ceremonies will be recorded, captioned and posted for on-demand viewing in the near future.

Q. Will the ceremonies be recorded for viewing later?

A. Possibly. Please check with the school.