

Dear Parents and Guardians of EHS Seniors:

Fort Bend ISD is pleased to share the 2017 High School Graduation ticketing process for our ceremonies at the Smart Financial Centre at Sugar Land. We are excited to hold the graduation ceremonies at this new venue within the FBISD attendance boundaries. To ensure there is maximum seating capacity for all of the families with graduating seniors, we are using a similar ticketing process that other school districts, like Katy ISD and Cypress-Fairbanks ISD, have used successfully.

The Smart Financial Centre in Sugar Land provides a new, convenient entertainment venue for the 2017 Graduation Ceremonies and is located at 18111 Lexington Blvd in Sugar Land. The indoor seating capacity for the venue is approximately 6,200.

In previous years, close to 57,000 family members and friends were able to attend the ceremonies and participate, as more than 5,400 graduates received their diplomas. The attendance to our 2016 graduation ceremonies ranged from 3,200 to close to 6,000 depending on the size of the graduating class.

In making our plans, we have been working with some of the same experienced staff members who coordinated past FBISD graduations in the former Compaq Center and in the Toyota Center. In discussions with the Smart Financial Centre operators, we have a solid plan with guaranteed tickets per student based on the anticipated guests from previous years and the size of the graduating class.

General guidelines for obtaining tickets include:

- Elkins High School's graduation ceremony will be held Saturday, June 3 at 8:00 AM. and the families of graduates will be guaranteed 10 tickets (the graduate does not need a ticket).
- EHS families will be able to order tickets online starting on April 3, 2017. A link to an online Ticket Request Order Form will be made available on the EHS campus website on April 3, 2017.
- These general admission tickets provided by Smart Financial will be issued to the graduate, two weeks before graduation, in May at Elkins High School.
- If a family does not need all 10 of the guaranteed tickets for their family, they are encouraged to order **only** the tickets they will need.
- Those families who want to request additional tickets (more than the 10 guaranteed number available to them), may add the additional number requested on the Ticket Request Form and their request will be added to a wait list.
- Tickets are required for every person over two (2) years old to attend graduation.
- Lost tickets will NOT be replaced.
- Each ticket is unique and duplication of tickets is not allowed and will not allow entry to the Smart Financial Centre.

As in years past, all FBISD graduation ceremonies will also be live-streamed, allowing friends and family who are unable to attend to watch live on the internet.

We believe the ticket process is the best way to ensure that every graduate's family is guaranteed seating in the Smart Financial Centre. We look forward to sharing this special event with our students and families.

Sincerely,

Elkins High School Leadership Team