

# 2017 GRADUATION

Graduation will begin promptly at **9:00 a.m. on Friday–June 2, 2017** at the Smart Financial Centre (18111 Lexington Blvd, Sugar Land, TX 77479) **Graduates must report to the AHS gym at 6:45 a.m.!**

## GRADUATES

- ✓ Report to Austin High School gym by 6:45 a.m. Students will be assigned arm bands with row/bus assignments. AHS buses will transport graduates/sponsors to the Smart Financial Centre.
- ✓ Graduates **MAY NOT** be dropped off or picked up at the Smart Financial Centre.
- ✓ Photo areas will be available at AHS in the front circle.

## PARENTS

- ✓ Guests must have your ticket to enter. If you do not have a ticket, you may not enter the Smart Financial Centre.
- ✓ After graduation, you can meet your graduate and take photos in the front of the AHS campus. No students will be allowed to leave the bus area at Smart Financial.
- ✓ This event will be broadcasted via Livestream. The link will be posted on the District Website late-May.

## SECURITY

- ✓ All handbags are subject to be searched as people enter, and no backpacks will be allowed.
- ✓ Water bottles, coffee, etc. will not be allowed.

## REMINDERS FOR GRADUATES

- ✓ Graduate row assignments/seat assignments are linked to bus assignments. Graduates must ride the student bus to/from the graduation ceremony.
- ✓ Graduates will be assigned rows/seats/wristbands at AHS prior to loading the buses for Smart Financial.
- ✓ Each student will go through a metal detector prior to entering Smart Financial.
- ✓ During diploma distribution, graduates must remain seated until your row is directed to stand. After you cross the stage, move your tassel to the left.
- ✓ A photographer will be on the stage taking formal pictures.
- ✓ When the ceremony is over, graduates will be shuttled back to the AHS campus. We welcome Graduates to take pictures with families in the front of AHS.
- ✓ At the end of the ceremony, you **MUST** exit and get onto the bus to return to AHS. Graduates will not be allowed to enter the parking lot or meet guests after the ceremony.

## DIPLOMAS

- ✓ Students receive their ORIGINAL diploma.
- ✓ Diplomas will be available for pick-up at AHS beginning June 19, 2017. All fines must be cleared. Only the graduate or parent may pick-up your diploma and must have valid I.D.
- ✓ Summer Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:00-11:00 a.m. and 1:00-5:00 p.m.

## GRADUATE DRESS CODE

- ✓ No shorts, tennis shoes, flip flops, thong sandals, or sunglasses.
- ✓ **Arrive to AHS dressed in your cap and gown.**
- ✓ Do NOT attach any extra items to your cap. No Bling!
- ✓ Do NOT bring cameras, purses, backpacks, etc.
- ✓ You will not be allowed to take anything onto the stage; therefore, leave all personal belongings at home or with your parents.

### MALE - Dress Code

- ✓ Slacks, shirt with collar, tie, dark shoes.
- ✓ **You MUST be clean shaven.**

### FEMALE - Dress Code

- ✓ Dress, skirt and blouse, with dark shoes (no **HIGH** heels).
- ✓ No purses, cell phones, etc.

## NEW PARKING INFORMATION

- ✓ Based on recommendations from Sugar Land PD, the Smart Financial Centre, and FBISD, the decision has been made to pre-sell \$10 parking permits prior to the event, and to limit the sale of these permits to two (2) per graduate. The “hangtags” will be distributed by the campus.
- ✓ **In order to purchase pre-paid parking, families will need to use the graduate’s student ID and place an order using links provided by the Smart Financial Centre. The deadline to purchase these permits online will be May 21.**  
*Note: The receipt provided through Ticketmaster is NOT a parking permit. The colors of the physical “hangtag” permit will be different for each FBISD school, and each campus will use a unique link provided by the SFC/Ticketmaster.*
- ✓ **Please note that any vehicles without a pre-paid, hangtag” permit will not be able to park at the Smart Financial Centre.** To avoid any unnecessary delays due to heavy traffic, families are highly encouraged to take advantage of the free, air-conditioned shuttle service from the campuses.
- ✓ **Handicap access to the venue:** Please note that all shuttles will be dropping off guests at the door of the venue, which is closer than the designated handicap parking spaces. Shuttles will be able to accommodate guests who require wheelchair or other mobility assistance, and families are encouraged to reserve seats on designated shuttles. Families who park at the venue will need a pre-paid parking permit and a handicap placard.
- ✓ **Parents and families are strongly encouraged to use free shuttles to and from campuses. FBISD will reopen the Skyward Family Access reservation form through May 21, 2017 so that families can reserve seats on the complimentary shuttle service.**