



2018 Graduation Ceremonies Frequently Asked Questions

Where are the 2018 FBISD graduation ceremonies being held?

FBISD will host the 2018 graduation ceremonies at the Smart Financial Centre in Sugar Land.

How do I get to the Smart Financial Centre?

The Smart Financial Centre is located at 18111 Lexington Blvd. in Sugar Land.

Driving Directions

From Richmond/Rosenberg: take I-69 (US 59) North towards Sugar Land. Exit University Blvd and continue on the feeder road. Turn right onto Taborwood.

From Houston: Take I-69 (US 59) South towards Sugar Land. Exit University Blvd. Make the U-turn. Continue on the feeder road and turn right onto Taborwood.

When are the graduation ceremonies?

Thursday, May 31

- Clements High School -- 1:00 p.m.
- Elkins High School -- 4:00 p.m.
- Travis High School -- 7:30 p.m.

Friday, June 1

- Dulles High School -- 8:30 a.m.
- Willowridge High School -- 12:00 p.m.
- Hightower High School -- 3:30 p.m.
- Austin High School -- 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 2

- Ridge Point High School -- 8:30 a.m.
- Marshall High School -- 12:00 p.m.
- Bush High School -- 3:30 p.m.
- Kempner High School -- 7:30 p.m.



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Do guests need tickets?

Yes, tickets ensure there is seating capacity for each family and are required for all guests over the age of two (2). Graduating seniors do not require a ticket.

How do I request to receive additional tickets?

Beginning February 12, students or their parents/guardians will have an opportunity to request additional tickets, or indicate whether they need fewer than the allotted amount, by filling out an online form located on the home page of their campus website. Students and/or parents need to fill out the online form if they want to request additional tickets or do not need the full allotment.

The deadline to fill out the form is March 2. Campuses will redistribute excess tickets to students who requested additional tickets. Each campus will do its best to accommodate requests, but tickets are limited. Families will be notified by spring break with an update on how many additional tickets they are allocated.

Please note the online ticket request form is not first-come, first-serve.

Do guests need to purchase parking in advance?

No. It is not necessary to purchase parking prior to the ceremony. Onsite, paid parking will be available the day of the event for \$10.

Can guests purchase parking in advance?

In order to expedite parking the day of the event, families can pre-purchase parking online. The cost to park at the event is \$10 and there is no service fee added to your transaction, if you choose to print your parking ticket at home, or display it on your mobile phone. Questions regarding parking may be directed to Smart Financial. Visit the District's Graduation Webpage to access the link for your campus.



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How long does the ceremony typically last?

Each ceremony typically lasts approximately one hour and 30 minutes.

Where do graduates need to gather?

Students will report to their campus and ride an air-conditioned bus to the Smart Financial Centre for the commencement. This allows the campus to stage students in order and ensures prompt arrival.

Is there reserved seating at the Smart Financial Centre?

There is no reserved seating. All seating is open, except for those who need special accommodations for wheelchairs, etc.

What items are prohibited at the Smart Financial Centre?

Balloons, air horns/noisemakers, banners/flags and confetti are not allowed. Other prohibited items include, but are not limited to, weapons, outside food or beverage, tripods, monopods or selfie sticks and laptops/electronic tablets.

Can I take pictures of my child? Can I purchase a photo of my student?

Parents may bring cameras and video cameras, but no tripods are allowed.

Marc Nathan Photographers, Inc. will capture your senior's 2018 Commencement Ceremony. Every graduate will be photographed as they receive their diploma and as they exit the stage.

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An email will be sent to your senior 7-10 days following the ceremony with a link to order prints. There is no obligation to order.

When do students get their diplomas?

At the commencement ceremony, students will receive a diploma cover, but their actual diplomas will arrive later to the school. Each high school campus will send out information to parents and students regarding when the diplomas will be available for pick up at the campus. Typically, this occurs later in June or July.

For additional questions, please contact your high school directly.