

# 2018 Graduation

Clements High School Graduation Procession will begin promptly at **1:00PM on Thursday, May 31, 2018 at the Smart Financial Centre**

Livestream Link: <https://www.fortbendis.com/Page/96790>

## Graduates

- Report to Clements HS Commons and **be seated by 10:30AM.**
- Graduates should enter through the doors near the library.
- Graduates will receive wrist bands that must be worn.
- Students **MUST** ride buses to Smart Financial Centre (SFC).
- Graduates **MAY NOT** be dropped off at the SFC.
- Graduates **WILL exit the SFC** and be released to their parent(s)/guardian(s) at the conclusion of the ceremony.
- Student bus transportation to Clements will **not** be provided.

## Parents

- Tickets will be distributed to students on May 29 at the mandatory 9:35 AM graduation meeting at CHS.
- Tickets will be required to enter the SFC for every guest two (2) years old and above.
- Upon arrival no students will be allowed to leave the bus area or backstage at SFC.
- There will be no reserved seating in the general seating area. Strollers are not allowed in the seating sections.
- After graduation, you will meet your graduate outside SFC to take photos.
- Graduates will depart from Smart Financial Centre with families/friends.

## Security

- Arriving 30 minutes (no earlier) before their student's graduation will reduce the long wait in the heat.
- Each guest entering the Smart Financial Centre will have to pass through metal detectors.
- All handbags, purses, etc., are subject to search.
- No outside food or drinks are allowed. Bottled water will be for sale at the event.
- Balloons, air horns/noisemakers, big head cut outs, banners/flags and confetti are not allowed. Other prohibited items include, but are not limited to, weapons, tripods, monopods or selfie sticks and laptops/electronic tablets.

## Diplomas

- Students receive a diploma cover at the graduation ceremony. Diplomas will be ready for pick-up at CHS beginning June 25, 2018. All fees/fines must be cleared. Only the graduate or parent may pick up the diploma and must have a valid ID.
- CHS Summer Hours:  
Monday through Thursday, 8 - 11AM and 1 - 5 PM.

## Graduate Dress Code

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

### MALE - Dress Code

- Slacks, shirt with collar, tie, dark shoes, dark socks
- **You must be clean shaven.**

### FEMALE - Dress Code

- Skirt, slacks and blouse or dress, with dark shoes look best, for your safety **avoid** excessively **HIGH** heels.

## Parking Parents & Guests

- Parents and guests may park in the parking area next to SFC. Onsite paid parking will be available the day of the event for \$10.00 per vehicle.
- In order to expedite parking on the day of graduation, Smart Financial Centre set up an online ticket system where parents can pre-purchase a parking pass. To pre-purchase parking passes: <https://www.fortbendis.com/Page/97073>
- Handicapped parking is available on the north side of the building. Inside the building, there are special areas set aside for wheel chairs and other mobility-impaired persons. SFC personnel will assist with the directions.

## Reminders for Graduates

- Graduates will be assigned to a row, seat and bus.
- Graduates must wear wristbands on the bus to be admitted to SFC.
- All graduates will ride the bus to the SFC.
- Each student will go through a metal detector prior to entering SFC. Have your phone/keys in your hands.
- 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 professional photographer will be on the stage taking formal pictures.
- At the end of the ceremony, you **MUST** exit the building.
- Graduates will meet their families/friends on the north side of the SFC.

