



5801 MANCHACA ROAD • AUSTIN, TEXAS 78745

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Dear Senior Parents,

Congratulations! Graduation is almost here. You and your child have worked hard for this day and we look forward to sharing it with you. In preparation for the big day, here is some information you need to know:

## SENIOR FINALS

Seniors take their finals before the other students. Seniors will take finals on Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup> – Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Please see the senior schedule for information about finals and activities.

## Last Days of School

*Seniors are still required to attend school the last week! Here is their schedule:*

**May 25<sup>th</sup>** – Graduation Walks – the seniors will board buses at 9:15am and will go to an elementary to walk in their cap and gown. It is important for younger students to see the success of the graduates and is a great time for the seniors. Seniors who attended one of Crockett's feeder schools will go to that school. Students who did not attend a Crockett feeder school will be assigned a school. Seniors will return about 12:00pm and will be provided lunch in the park.

**May 29<sup>st</sup>** – Graduation practice will begin at 1:30pm beginning in the gym. All seniors need to be there by **1:15pm** to line up. There is not transportation to/from this, so please plan accordingly!

**May 30<sup>th</sup>** – GRADUATION! 4:00pm at the Frank Erwin Center. Graduates need to be in the Lone Star room by **2:45pm**.

***\*\*if your student has not passed his/her classes, has not finished Delta classes, and/or has not made up attendance hours, he/she will be working on that during these days instead of participating in the senior activities!***

## GRADUATION INFORMATION – FOR STUDENTS

**Graduation will be at 4:00pm at the Frank Erwin Center, 1700 Red River St, Austin, TX 78701. Seniors must be in the Lone Star room by 2:45pm.**

**Caps/gowns:** If you have not ordered a cap/gown for your student, please contact Herff Jones at (512) 514-7100. You can also place orders online at [www.ctrecognition.com](http://www.ctrecognition.com). Caps/gowns will be delivered to Crockett on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Seniors can pick theirs up outside of the cafeteria.

**Transportation:** The district provides shuttles from Burger Center to the Frank Erwin Center and back. The shuttles to Crockett's graduation will run from 1:00pm-3:00pm. These shuttles are for graduates as well as all family/friends attending the ceremony. We highly encourage you to use the shuttle; however, if you choose to drive to the Frank Erwin Center, please know that parking will be difficult due to construction and Wednesday afternoon traffic, so plan accordingly.



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**Where to meet after the ceremony:** All graduates will exit the building through the Red River doors after the ceremony and will meet you at the north end of the building by the Bevo statue. They will not have their phone, so set a place to meet before going into the Frank Erwin Center!

**What not to bring:** Your student cannot bring a purse/bag, cell phone, or camera with them. There will be no place to put these and they cannot carry them. So, please plan with your child where you will meet and you hold these items for them. Any prohibited items will be confiscated. Confiscated items may be picked up at Crockett on Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. We will not be returning to the school on Wednesday after graduation and will not be able to find students after the ceremony, so the students will have to wait and pick up their items from Crockett on Thursday.

**What your graduate should wear:** Students should bring their cap and gown, but not put it on until they are in the Lone Star Room. Students with longer hair will need bobby pins to hold their cap on. Mortar boards (caps) should be worn flat/parallel to the ground (not tilted back). Skirts, dresses, slacks, dress shirts, ties, and dress shoes/boots are appropriate. If wearing heels, low to medium heels are best.

**What your graduate should NOT wear:** NO tennis shoes, flip flops, sandals, shorts, or jeans! No gum. No corsages. No messages/decorations on their cap, gown, or shoes. Again, students are not allowed to bring purses/bags, cameras, or cell phones!!!

Students who are dressed inappropriately or who are under the influence of drugs or alcohol will not be allowed to walk on the stage.

**Photographs:** A professional photographer will capture your student's acceptance of his/her diploma. The photographer will send order information and a proof directly to your student for you to purchase if you would like.

**Diplomas:** Students will receive a diploma cover at graduation. Students will need to return to Crockett beginning on Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> between 9:00am and 3:00pm to pick up their diploma. Students who have outstanding obligations will need to clear those before receiving their diploma.

## **GRADUATION INFORMATION - FOR PARENTS/GUESTS**

**Security:** Everyone entering the Frank Erwin Center will walk through a magnetometer (similar to the airport). If the alarm goes off, you will be wanded. So, please make sure you are prepared and empty your pockets before entering in order to save time.

**Clear Bag Policy:** The Frank Erwin Center has instituted a clear bag policy. Purses, backpacks, diaper bags, camera cases are NOT allowed. Please see the attachment for details about the policy.



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## **CONCERNS ABOUT GRADUATION?**

In the coming weeks, we will be contacting the parents of student who we are concerned might not graduate. If you have concerns about your student, please do not hesitate to contact us. Our contact information is below. We are here to assist you and your student and are happy to discuss their progress with you.

## **QUESTIONS?**

We realize this is a lot of information. We will also have a meeting with the seniors on May 15<sup>th</sup> during the day to tell them all of this. Additionally, we will send out reminder emails and/or emails with information you need to know as graduation gets closer. If you have any questions or concerns, though, please let us know! We are happy to help and want to make this important day go as smoothly as possible!

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