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Guidelines for STISD Graduate “Walk of Honor” Celebrations

STISD is excited to honor this year’s graduating seniors through STISD Graduate “Walk of Honor” Celebrations to be held at the H-E-B Park in Edinburg. The events will complement the virtual graduation ceremonies which took place at the end of May, and will provide STISD graduates with an opportunity to take their “walk of honor” across the stage and receive their diploma in-person in a format that aligns with guidelines and restrictions from the Texas Education Agency and the State of Texas, as well as recommendations from the CDC.

Health & Safety:

- STISD is working with the staff at H-E-B Park to plan for the safest graduation possible, but this will require assistance and support from all attendees.
- Students and guests must maintain social distancing (6 feet of distance between themselves and others) at all times. No congregating of guests (outside of families seated together) is allowed.
- Guests who do not follow proper protocol will be asked to leave the park.
- Please be responsible and considerate of others. If you are not feeling well, are ill, or have any symptoms of COVID-19 (cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, diarrhea, feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit), or if you have had close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19, please refrain from attending.
- Prior to entering the park, families will be asked a series of questions related to COVID-19, and temperatures of all graduates and guests will be checked at the entrance. If anyone has a temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit, he or she will not be allowed to enter.
- Face masks are required.
- We understand that not everyone will be comfortable with attending an in-person event. This is an optional event, and graduation is not contingent upon the graduate attending. We will do our very best to promote conditions to maintain social distancing at all times, but if you are not comfortable with being in close proximity with others at this time, please do not feel as though you must attend.
- Access to restrooms will be limited and for emergency purposes only.

Process & Procedure

- Up to four family members will be able to attend per each graduate/family (in the case of multiple graduates from the same family).
- We will be using the H-E-B Park ticketing system to accept RSVPs for the event (required) and to allow for seat selection maintaining proper social distancing.
- Seniors will receive an email on Thursday, June 4, sharing the link to the system and an individual passcode to log in and select seats. The passcode will be unique to each individual student and must not be shared. The online H-E-B Park ticketing system will open



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at the included link at **5:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 4**, so that guests can begin selecting and reserving their seats. The deadline for guest seat selection for the event is **5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 8**. RSVPs submitted after this time will not be guaranteed a seat.

- Tickets can be printed at home and brought to the venue or presented electronically on the guest's device at check-in time.
- Check-in for students and parents will be at 7:00 p.m. on the day of the event. Students and parents will check in at different gates. A map will be shared electronically leading up to the graduation so that you know where each group will enter the park.
- There will not be dressing rooms for students or staff members. Students and staff members must come dressed and ready for the ceremony.
- Please reference the attached Prohibited Items list for detailed guidance on what will or will not be accepted in the venue.
- The program for the STISD Graduate "Walk of Honor" Celebration will be posted on each school's Senior Recognition webpage leading up to the event. Programs will not be printed and distributed to guests at the event, but guests are welcome to print them on their own and bring them to the event to follow along or may follow along electronically.
- After the ceremony ends, students and staff will be exited from the venue immediately through separate gates and are asked not to congregate outside of the venue.
- The celebration events will be livestreamed via the district's Facebook page.

Dress

- Wear your graduation regalia (cap, gown, medals, etc.), if you have it.
- No shoes with a heel (high heels, wedges, boots, etc.) will be allowed for girls or boys, as these shoes could damage the field.