



East High School  
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Since 1914

Dear Parents and Senior Students,

We truly feel for you as this is a strange and unusual school year for all. Please know that our faculty and staff are constantly planning and are committed to provide you with the best graduation experience possible. We will continue to provide you with up to date information, as it becomes available.

East High knows that all of you are adapting to these changing circumstances to the best of your ability and are continuing to work toward your graduation requirements. It is important that you remain patient yet diligent as we close in on important graduation dates and deadlines. We will continue keeping the same deadlines and milestones that we have previously announced, until further notice. In an effort to help you keep those deadlines, we've assembled the condensed list. Also attached is a FAQ sheet from previous graduation years that seems to remain constant for every graduating senior class and their parents.

**Important Senior Dates:**

Friday April 30<sup>th</sup> **Last day to enroll in Credit Recovery if make-up credit is needed**

Mon-Fri May 3<sup>rd</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Graduation cords will be available to pick up during 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> lunch

Tuesday May 4<sup>th</sup> **All outside East High make-up & Independent Study credit is due**

Tuesday May 11<sup>th</sup> Jostens delivery of caps and gowns from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

\*Seniors make sure your fees are paid by Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup> to pick up your cap and gown.

Friday May 21<sup>st</sup> **Final deadline to submit all East High sponsored Credit Recovery work**

Mon-Fri May 24<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> **Final Submissions and work due (confirm with each of your teachers)**

Friday May 28<sup>th</sup> "Block E" form due to [Barbara.matkin@slcschools.org](mailto:Barbara.matkin@slcschools.org)

\*Application link (download form) [Block E application form](#)

Tuesday June 1<sup>st</sup> **Textbooks and Fees/Fines due**

Tuesday June 1<sup>st</sup> Seniors can start dropping off school laptop and equipment

Thursday June 3<sup>rd</sup> **Covid testing required to participate in the Graduation Ceremony**

\*Testing will start at 1:00 p.m. in the Big Gym

Friday June 4<sup>th</sup> Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal **8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Auditorium**

\*Check-in by the Leopard to pick up your reader name card

Friday June 4<sup>th</sup> **Graduation Day at the Huntsman Center**

**Graduation** - Students arrive by 3:30 p.m. at the tunnel on the west side of the Huntsman Center. Commencement Exercises begin at 4:00 p.m. Island Photography will be taking graduation photos for purchase.

We hope that the above information is helpful to you. Wishing you health and wellness, during these changing times.

Sincerely,

Greg Maughan  
Principal

Matthew Teitter  
Asst. Principal

Kalisi Uluave  
Asst. Principal

Whitney Watchman  
Asst. Principal

## QUESTION/ANSWER SHEET

Below you will find information concerning graduation, and other Senior items:

### 1- WHEN IS THE MANDATORY REHEARSAL FOR THE GRADUATION EXERCISES?

June 4<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in *EAST HIGH'S AUDITORIUM*. All graduating students **MUST** attend and participate in this rehearsal!! Seating and procession arrangements will be made at this time. Check in by the Leopard.

### 2- WHAT INFORMATION DO I NEED FOR THE GRADUATION CEREMONY?

- **When:** Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Commencement exercises will begin at 4:00 p.m. Students must be assembled at Huntsman Center by 3:30 p.m. to prepare for the graduation exercises.
- **Where:** Huntsman Center – 1875 South Campus Dr.

### 3- WHERE CAN I GET TICKETS?

The University has decided to allow 4 guests per graduate. More information to come about how tickets will be distributed to students/parents.

### 4- WHO WILL GRADUATE?

Students who have successfully completed the graduation requirements of East High School, the Salt Lake City Board of Education and the Utah State Board of Education will graduate and participate in graduation exercises. This includes completing academics, testing requirements, and clearing all fees and fines, etc. If you have questions concerning your graduation status, you should contact your counselor ***immediately***.

### 5- WHEN WILL I KNOW IF I WILL GRADUATE?

Most of the seniors know now if they are on track to graduate. Some seniors are still in the process of completing requirements; therefore, it may be late in the term before they know for certain. If you have any concerns about your graduation status, please contact your counselor immediately at (801)584-2923.

**The final date to enroll in After School Credit Recovery makeup is April 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**THERE are NO EXCEPTIONS! If you need a class to graduate you must see your counselor to make arrangements for make-up work.**

### 6- WHAT SPECIAL DIPLOMAS OR RECOGNITIONS WILL BE GIVEN?

- *Standard Diploma:* Students who earn 24 units of credit (including the specific required credits) in grades 9-12.
- *Certificate of Enriched Curriculum:* Recognition is given for students who have completed the requirements in grades 9-12 and enrolled in a more rigorous schedule. These students will be

identified on the graduation program and will also receive a special **gold tassel** for the graduation ceremonies.

- *Honors Diploma*: This special diploma is for students who have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher through semester one of grade 12. These students will receive a special engraved diploma and will wear a **gold honor cord** during the graduation ceremonies. These cords will be given to students during lunch from May 3 to May 7.
- *National Honors Society*: Recognized by **blue & gold cords**.
- *CTE Scholars*: Students who have completed a CTE course and passed the Utah State Skill Certification Test for that course will receive a **red & white cord** from the CTE Center.

#### 7- WHAT IS A BLOCK E AND HOW DO I QUALIFY?

If you have participated in an activity, sport or any academic involvement throughout your 4 years here at East, you can earn a “Block E” certificate and an East High School pin. Once the form is complete and signed, you need to return it to student services or email it to [Barbara.matkin@slcschools.org](mailto:Barbara.matkin@slcschools.org) by Friday, May 28. You will receive your Block E with your diploma.

#### 8- WHAT INFORMATION DO I NEED FOR SENIOR AWARDS CEREMONY?

Given the current circumstances the senior awards ceremony will not take place this school year. All seniors who are given any awards will be recognized in the graduation ceremony and their plaques will be given with their diplomas. If you have any questions, please contact Student Services at 801-583-1661 extension 2203 or 2202.

#### 9- WHAT IS THE DEADLINE FOR MAKING UP CREDIT FOR GRADUATION?

**Any credit earned outside of East High must be submitted to our Registrar no later than May 4<sup>th</sup>. Make-up credit through After School Credit Recovery, Supervised Studies and Gear up is due no later than May 21<sup>st</sup> to their program.**

#### 10- WHO MAY BE RECOGNIZED (WALK) IN THE GRADUATION EXERCISE?

Only seniors who have been academically cleared by their counselor and financially cleared by the treasurer are able to receive their cap and gown and walk during the graduation exercises at the Huntsman Center. *The deadline for clearance is May 28<sup>th</sup>.*

#### 11- WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES FOR STUDENT MISCONDUCT?

Any student who is disruptive or who violates any school policy or procedure during the graduation rehearsal, or the ceremony may jeopardize their participation in the graduation ceremony.

#### 12- WHERE DO I PICK UP MY CAP AND GOWN?

Jostens will be at school to distribute Caps and Gowns to all students who are cleared on **May 11<sup>th</sup>**.

**Bring your receipt and student ID!** If you are unable to pick up your cap and gown at this time, your parents or a classmate may do so with your receipt. If you have not yet ordered your cap and gown, do so immediately by contacting Jostens at (801)467-6968.

**13- ARE ALL STUDENTS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATION EXERCISES?**

No, it is optional to participate. However, if you do not participate, you will not get your diploma until after June 8<sup>th</sup>. Please note the school will be closed every Friday starting June 11. If you have any questions you can contact Caitlin Hogensen at [Caitlin.hogensen@slcschools.org](mailto:Caitlin.hogensen@slcschools.org).

**14-WHAT IS THE DRESS STANDARD FOR THE GRADUATION EXERCISES?**

Please dress your best. We suggest avoiding wearing flip-flops, platform or high heeled shoes for safety reasons. **Decorating your cap is forbidden and may be cause for you to be removed from the graduation ceremony.**

**14- WHAT DO I RECEIVE FROM THE OFFICIALS IN THE GRADUATION PROCESSION?**

You will receive a 2021 red diploma cover.

**15- WHEN WILL I GET MY DIPLOMA?**

After the program has ended, you will turn in your gown to representatives from Jostens who will give you a ticket indicating your clearance. You will need to take this ticket to room 113 (south entrance) to receive your diploma from East High School personnel.

**Report Your Scholarships!**

Students, if you have received any scholarships, check the East Website for the scholarship reporting form. We need to keep an accurate report of all scholarships and awards for each year. This report goes to the SLCS to show what an awesome school we are and how brilliant our student body is. This includes all athletic, leadership, service, diversity, academic, private, and college scholarships as well as essay, math and science contests etc.

[Link to Scholarships reporting form-](#)

**Your effort is much appreciated as self-reporting is often our only means of discovery.**

## GRADUATION AWARDS APPLICATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

**AP Scholars Awards** – Automatically granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on 3 or more AP exams.

**Biliteracy Seal/Cord**- Must prove proficiency in English and another language through testing (in March). See your counselor.

**Block E (By application)**– Must earn a total of 40 points through academic excellence and/or extra-curricular activity. Contact/Email Barbara Matkin in Student Services Office for details. The application due date will be announced in the Senior Letter.

**Career Pathway Completer (By Application due May 7th)** – Must complete 3 required credits within a specific pathway with a “C” or better. Contact/email Kim Powell in the Career Center for specific requirements.

**CTE Cord** – (Automatically) Must pass at least 2 CTE end of course Skills Tests. See Kim Powell in the Career Center to verify status.

**East Theatrical Company Medallion** – Contact Kevin McClellan for specifics.

**Enriched Certificate** – 3.0 CGPA, 27 total credits, 16.5 academic credits, combined Math/Science 7 credits, Fine Arts 2 credits, World Language 2 credits of consecutive levels (or ESL proficiency). See your counselor for eligibility.

**Health Professions Cord** – Successful completion of the program’s 4-year course requirements. Contact/email Kim Powell in the Career Center for questions.

**Honors Cord** – (Automatically) 3.50 Cumulative Grade Point Average upon completing 1<sup>st</sup> semester of your graduating year.

**Military Enlistment Cord** – If your post high school plans include enlisting in full time military service or attending a Military Academy, please contact Caitlin Hogensen, Registrar.

**National Honors Society (NHS)** – Two years of successful membership. Contact/email school advisor Caitlin Erickson.

**National Merit Scholar** – Score high on the optional PSAT in October of your Junior year to attempt to qualify.

**Regents Scholarship** – Instate only. Specific core courses, 3.3 CGPA, 22 ACT, fill out FAFSA, meet application deadlines February 1st.

**Service Learning Scholar** –(By Application) Extensive volunteer service (typically 150+ hours from 8-12<sup>th</sup> grade). See sponsor Caitlin Hogensen in Registrar’s Office. The application deadline is April 30th.

**Sterling Scholar Award** – A school, region, and statewide competition during your senior year in 14 different academic and non-academic categories. Contact advisor Dave Stewart and go to <http://www.sterlingscholar.org/> for specifics.

**Utah Scholar Medallion** (By Application) – Maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA, apply for FAFSA, and be accepted into a 2 or 4-year college. The application deadline to your counselor is April 30, 2021