

Kaufman High School Graduation Events 2023

Parents and Guardians,

Below are events listed in chronological order that we are planning. We will continue to update this document through the semester so you have the most current information. Please be aware we may have to change or adjust these events based on guidance from state, county, or local authorities.

Prom - Saturday, April 15th

Official 2023 Prom Information:

Location – House of Blues, Dallas TX

Time – 7p – 11p

Theme – "The Last Dance"

Ticket sales and pricing to follow in Fall of 2022

Parent Sponsored 2023 Prom Committee

- Jennifer Prestridge – Senior Mom (Lead)
- Marisa Garmon – Senior Mom
- Erin Hicks – Senior Mom
- Stephanie Nalls – Senior Mom
- Elizabeth Grimes – Junior Mom

Yearbook Distribution

New Information will be coming from Mrs. Johnstone soon.

Top 10% Banquet - Tuesday, May 2nd, 5:00 P.M.

This event will take place at the Kaufman Civic Center. It is being organized by Mrs. Burlison & Mrs. Hartley. The students that qualify for this event will be notified in April. More specific information will be released by the KHS Counseling staff to all students who have qualified in the coming weeks.

Senior Recognitions - Tuesday, May 2nd, 6:30 P.M.

This event will take place in the Kaufman High School FAC. More specific information will be released by the KHS Counseling staff to all students who have qualified in the coming weeks.

Graduation Cord Distribution - Wednesday, May 3rd

Counselors will contact students prior to the date; students will collect their respective cords from their counselor.

Senior Exams - Wednesday, May 10th

All senior exams should be completed by the end of the day.

Senior Trip - Monday, May 8th

Sky Ranch.... Students will have to pay a fee to attend and will need to fill out a consent form.

High Ropes Activities, Zip Lines, Waterslides, Canoes & More... All seniors that choose not to attend Senior Trip will have attendance taken at 8:00 A.M. If you have not finished your exams, you WILL NOT attend the trip!

Friday, May 12th - Senior Turn-in Day

All seniors report to the aux gym at 8:00 A.M. All technology must be turned in on Friday, May 12th, prior to graduation practice. Students will not be allowed to participate in graduation ceremonies if their technology has not been turned in or paid for. The technology department at KHS will be on hand that morning to check in equipment.

Senior Brunch (Parent Coordinated by Student Council Parents) - Saturday, May 13th

To Be Determined...

This is an event put on by the senior parents of Kaufman High School. Coach Armstrong will be assisting with the Senior Slideshow that will be shown during the event. For more information please see this video: [Senior Slideshow](#)

Baccalaureate - Sunday, May 14th, 4:00 PM

The local pastors from the Kaufman community will be hosting this event at the KHS Fine Arts Center. This is an optional event for seniors and their families. It will take place at 4:00 PM. More information about this event will be forthcoming.

Senior Panoramic Picture & Senior Walk - Monday, May 15th

All seniors will report to the Lion's Den at 8:00 A.M. Seniors must have a cap and gown to participate in this event. A senior panoramic picture will be taken in the Lion's Den. The senior walk will then occur through Kaufman High School. The seniors will ride a bus to HECC and will participate in another senior walk on that campus. Seniors who have not finished exams will NOT participate in Senior Week activities.

Tuesday, May 16th – Graduation Practice & Awards Ceremony

All seniors report to the aux gym at 8:00 A.M. Seniors will be allowed to leave campus after completing graduation practice. The Senior Awards ceremony will take place in the FAC following graduation practice.

Wednesday, May 17th – Graduation Practice

All seniors report to the aux gym at 8:00 A.M. Seniors will be allowed to leave campus after completing graduation practice.

Thursday, May 18th - Graduation Practice & Senior Sunset

All seniors report to the aux gym at 8:00 A.M. Seniors will be allowed to leave campus after completing graduation practice.

Second Annual Sunset: Seniors and their families will have the opportunity to use the KHS Stadium for photos in their cap and gown. The district will **NOT** be providing a photographer for this event. This will be on a first come, first serve basis. The stadium will be open from 4:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

Friday, May 19th – Graduation Practice

All seniors report to the aux gym at 8:00 A.M. Seniors will be allowed to leave campus after completing graduation practice.

Seniors must be at the Curtis Culwell Center in Garland by 6:00 P.M. for a pre-ceremony practice. The doors will open to all guests at 7:00 P.M. The ceremony will begin at 8:00 P.M.

Seating will be on a first come first serve basis.

[Clear Bag Policy](#)

- Post Ceremony - Seniors will exit out a separate entrance and can meet up with their parents or guests near the main entrance.

Wednesday, May 31st – Diploma Pick-Up

Diplomas will be ready to be picked up on this date. Seniors will be able to come to the high school from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Any outstanding fees owed to the school such as AP testing and/or transcript fees, cafeteria, books and technology **will need to be paid and/or returned, prior to receiving a diploma.**

SENIORS: VERY IMPORTANT - CAP AND GOWNS SHOULD NOT BE IRONED.

CHECK-IN:

- It is mandatory that ALL Seniors check-in upon arriving at Curtis Culwell Center.
- Check-in time is at 5:45 P.M. in the back staging area.
- We highly recommend that students leave valuable items such as coats, purses and cameras etc. with family members and not bring them in the staging and check-in area.
- ALL students will remain in the staging area after checking-in.

ATTIRE: This is a formal ceremony!

- Cap and gown with tassel are required for participation in the graduation ceremony.
- *The only honor cords or medals allowed at graduation are the ones that were issued by the KHS counseling department or a UIL state medal that was won at a UIL State Competition.*
- Any jewelry worn at graduation should not take away from the uniform look of the cap and gown.
- Students are allowed to decorate their caps, no lights or anything hanging off.
 - *If you plan to decorate your caps: Submit your design for approval by May 6th to Mrs. Jil Tousignant.*
- No decorations on their gowns, no flags, or any other types of drapes will be allowed.

Acceptable Attire:

- Girls – Sunday dress and dress shoes.
- Boys – Dress shirt with tie. Dress slacks. No beards, goatees or sideburns past earlobes.

Unacceptable Attire and Personal Items:

- Shorts
- Athletic Shoes
- Sunglasses
- Flip Flops
- Portable Electronic Devices - such as, but not limited to: phones, earbuds
- No flowers, corsages, buttons, tape ribbons, flags, or other adornments may be worn!

CONDUCT:

This event will be conducted in a dignified manner. Seniors will conduct themselves in a way that will bring credit to themselves and their classmates. This ceremony is NOT the place for pranks, rude behavior, or other disruptive acts. Throwing items other than graduation caps at the appropriate time is not allowed. **The Curtis Culwell Center has asked that no one bring helium balloons, air horns, streamers, confetti, or other similar celebratory items.**