

# Class of 2023



**ShoWare Center – Kent**

**June 14th - 3:30 p.m.**

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## **2023 Commencement Information**

Wednesday, June 14  
Grads Arrive 2:30 p.m.  
Ceremony Starts 3:30 p.m.  
ShoWare Center - Kent

### **Getting Ready:**

#### **CAP & GOWN:**

Jostens is our vendor for caps and gowns, tassels, announcements, and many other senior and graduation items. If you have not ordered your cap & gown yet, there is still time to do so online. Jostens offers payment plans for those who need to spread out the cost. Items must be paid in full before they will be delivered to you.

***\*\*If your family is experiencing financial hardship, please contact Mrs. Mitchell (susan.mitchell@rentonschools.us). We do have a limited number of gowns available for loan\*\*.***

#### **SENIOR CLEARANCE: Requirements for Participation in Commencement Exercises:**

- Satisfactorily completing the minimum credit requirements as set by Washington State and the Renton School District, Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA), High School and Beyond Plan (HSBP), and Graduation Pathway.
- Clearance of all fines and obligations, and completion of the final senior check out.
- Participation in the commencement rehearsal.

***Further information regarding Senior Check Out will be shared at the senior meeting on May 5.***

#### **TICKET SALES:**

Tickets will be distributed beginning **May 30** before school, at lunch and after school.

**Each graduate will receive 6 admission tickets for family and friends.** Grads do not need their own ticket. Extra tickets (\$5 each) may be purchased at the ASB window. – there is no limit. **TICKET PAYMENT IS CASH OR CARD**

#### **HOLDS WILL BE PLACED ON TICKETS for the following:**

unpaid fines detentions owed  
library books not returned  
counseling holds - due to a last minute grade submission, Running Start verification, etc.

#### **You will not be able to pick up your tickets until these are all cleared.**

Admission to commencement will be BY TICKET ONLY. Everyone entering graduation must have a ticket (including small children & babies). Please write your name on the back of the tickets in ink when you receive them. Lost tickets **WILL NOT** be re-issued free of charge. You will have to buy replacements at \$5 each. Also note that only the graduating Senior may purchase graduation tickets. Parents, guardians, or other family members will not be allowed to do so.

## **Rehearsal Day, June 12:**

- BRING YOUR CAP & GOWN!
- Schedule is subject to change. Announcements will be made on our webpage.

Time	Action
7:30-8:15 a.m.	<u>SENIOR BREAKFAST:</u> The junior class will serve breakfast to seniors in the Cafeteria.
8:30-9:00 a.m.	<u>CAP &amp; GOWN CLASS PICTURE:</u> Photographer will be here to take a panoramic class picture with everyone in their caps and gowns. The picture will be available for purchase.
9:15-10:15 a.m.	<u>ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WALKS:</u> Following our group picture we will visit our feeder elementary schools and walk the hallways in caps and gowns. Seniors will visit the school they attended; those who did not go to a Renton elementary school will be assigned a school.
12:00-2:00 p.m.	<u>GRADUATION REHEARSAL:</u> Practice for the commencement ceremony will held in the gym. Seniors planning to participate in the ceremony <b><u>MUST</u></b> be present for rehearsal. <b>Seniors absent from rehearsal will not be permitted to walk through graduation ceremonies.</b>



## **GRADUATION DAY, JUNE 14!**

At ShoWare Center:

**ALL PERSONS ENTERING SHOWARE CENTER ARE SUBJECT TO SEARCH, INCLUDING GRADUATING SENIORS.**

**ENTERING SHOWARE CENTER:** Graduates will enter from the rear of the building and report to the locker rooms inside ShoWare Center. A staff member will be there to direct you. After you have put on your cap and gown, please come into the hallway to line up. Please **DO NOT** bring valuables with you and **DO NOT** leave anything in the locker rooms. You will not be able to enter the building following commencement.

**GRADUATION DRESS:** In keeping with the tradition of a formal graduation at Lindbergh, we request that each graduate dress appropriately for the occasion. This means **NO FLIP-FLOPS**, shorts or jeans; no sunglasses, hats, or other adornment. The cap & gown should be worn plain with no added decoration. **Culturally significant stoles may be worn upon approval of the Principal. No flower, candy or money leis are allowed.**

**GRADUATE BEHAVIOR:** It is our intent to create a formal and dignified atmosphere for your relatives and friends attending the ceremony. Students who choose to engage in inappropriate behavior risk disciplinary action. Poor behavior may result in removal from the ceremony or withholding of the diploma. Your efforts in helping us maintain high standards during this commencement exercise will be appreciated by staff, family members and friends.

**ALCOHOL/TOBACCO USE:** All students who are found to under the influence of alcohol or other drugs will not be allowed to participate in graduation.

**PROCESSIONAL:** Once you enter the main room be prepared to space yourself eight feet behind the person in front of you as you enter the arena. By doing so, each individual will stand out. There will be a staff member at the entrance to the arena to help with pacing. This may not seem important to you, but there will be those in the audience to whom you are extremely special. Don't disappoint them. When you get in front of your chair, turn and face the front and **remain standing** until the entire class has entered and you are given the signal to be seated. The class will sit in unison.

**RECESSIONAL:** At the conclusion of commencement, follow the recessional to the outside main entrance of ShoWare. This is where your family can meet you to celebrate.

## **After Graduation:**

### DISTRIBUTION OF DIPLOMAS:

Diplomas will be handed out on **Thursday, June 15**, 2:30 – 4:00 pm and **Tuesday, June 20**, 2:30-4:00 p.m. in the Lindbergh lower Commons. After June 20 there will be no diploma pickup until the end of August, as the building will be closed the entire summer.

Remember, **ONLY** the graduate can pick up their diploma. Do not send your parent or another friend to pick it up.

## **Important Dates:**

May 5 - **REQUIRED Senior Class Meeting** (1:30 p.m. in the AUDITORIUM)

May 30 - Graduation tickets distribution begins during lunches

**REMEMBER \* ONLY GRADUATE MAY PICK UP TICKETS \* CASH OR CARD ONLY FOR ADDITIONAL TICKET PURCHASES**

June 1 - Senior Awards Night (7:00 pm, LHS Auditorium)

June 2 - Move-up Assembly and BBQ (12:00 noon)

June 8 & 9 - Final Exams (seniors)

June 12 - Senior Breakfast - LHS Cafeteria  
Class Picture and Elementary School Walks  
**REQUIRED Graduation Rehearsal @ LHS Gym**

June 14 - Graduation 3:30 p.m., ShoWare Center, Kent  
**Arrival at 2:30 p.m.**

June 15 - Diploma Distribution (2:30-4:00pm, Lindbergh Commons)

June 20 - Diploma Distribution (2:30-4:00pm, Lindbergh Commons)

## **Guest Information**

### Disabled Seating:

ShoWare Center staff is handling all disabled seating on the day of graduation. There are no reservations. Guest Services seats guests with disabilities on a "first come, first serve" basis. ADA seating is provided for the **guest plus one other person**. All others in the party will be in general seating.

### During the Ceremony:

In order to honor all graduates please adhere to the following:

- Guests are to remain seated and quiet throughout ceremony. Graduates are announced and move quickly across the stage to receive their diplomas. We know every family wants to be able to hear and see when their special graduate takes the stage!
- Cell phones must be turned off or silenced.
- Noisemakers, balloons, and flowers are strictly prohibited at ShoWare Center. These are best enjoyed at your private celebrations.
- All guests are subject to a bag search and security check without exception. ShoWare Center also has a **clear bag policy:**
  - o Clear bags no larger than 12"x12"x6" are allowed. One-gallon clear plastic Ziploc bags are also allowed. Small clutches no larger than 4.5" x 6.5" are allowed.

- Security must be able to see inside and identify items to the bottom of the bag. Items may not be used to obscure the view of bag contents, including but not limited to non-clear bags, pouches, etc. Bags with interior contents obscured from view are not allowed.
  - Backpacks, multi-compartment bags, duffle bags and purses larger than 4.5"x 6.5" are not allowed.
- Exceptions will be made for medically necessary items or single compartment diaper bags (a child must be present).

## **DIRECTIONS TO SHOWARE CENTER**



**ShoWare Center is located near many major highways and arterials, therefore there are several routes from which to choose. When using common mapping and navigation services you'll get varied results. These directions should provide the easiest and least congested route from your area.**

**From Bellevue/Renton, southbound on 167:** Take the Willis St. exit. Turn left onto Willis St. and then turn left onto 4th Ave. From 4th Ave., turn left on W. James St. and ShoWare Center will be on your right.

**From Puyallup and Auburn, northbound on 167:** Take the Willis St. exit. Turn right onto Willis St. and then turn left onto 4th Ave. From 4th Ave., turn left on W. James St. and ShoWare Center will be on your right.

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