



Los Angeles Unified School District

## John F. Kennedy High School

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Seniors,

We are excited about the upcoming graduation ceremony held in the Kennedy HS Football Stadium on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

Please remember the graduation ceremony is a formal and dignified occasion that is significant to the graduating senior, as well as parents, relatives, friends, and the Kennedy staff. Therefore, we appreciate that all who attend the ceremony will honor the dignity that the event richly deserves. Please read and discuss the contents of this letter as a family.

### GRADUATION REHEARSAL

There are three mandatory rehearsals and graduates must attend all rehearsals in order to participate in the graduation ceremony. Graduates must meet eligibility requirements, as outlined in the **Senior Contract**.

- **Friday, June 7, 2024** – Graduates will meet in the Gym at 8:30 am for Cap and Gown Distribution. Graduates will be stamped with an eligibility stamp.
- **Monday, June 10, 2024** – Graduates will meet in the Football Stadium at 8:30 am. and will receive an eligibility wrist band.
- **Tuesday, June 11, 2024** – Graduates will meet in the Football Stadium at 8:30 am. Guest graduation tickets will be distributed today.

### GRADUATION – TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024, 6:30 PM

The ceremony will begin promptly at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 in the Kennedy HS Football Stadium.

- Due to safety regulations, seating is limited, and **EACH STUDENT WILL RECEIVE FOUR PASSES FOR GUESTS TO ATTEND THE CEREMONY**. Children under three years old are allowed to sit on a guest's lap and do not require a ticket.
- **Tuesday, June 11, 2024, 5:30 pm** – Graduates will meet their Homeroom Advisory teachers in front of the gym at 5:30 pm to line up for the graduation processional.
- At graduation, all graduates are expected to wear appropriate clothing under their cap and gown. Graduates should select appropriate footwear, as they will be walking on grass and dirt in the football stadium.
- **Students may only wear the approved cords, stoles, and medals given by the school.** Decorated Caps must align with the Kennedy HS dress code and follow Kennedy HS rules. The administration will give the final approval on decorated caps and determine if the decorated cap is allowed. Caps are not to be thrown.
- The following items **are not allowed on the processional line**: Corsages, stuffed animals, flower leis, candy leis, unauthorized sashes and cords, purses, backpacks, bags, phones, cameras, or other items.
- All graduates are searched prior to entering the football stadium. **Kennedy HS is not responsible for confiscated items. Confiscated items will not be returned.**
- Do not bring items into the graduation site which may detract from the dignity of the ceremony or create any action which interferes with the ceremony. Students who bring beach balls, silly string, water balloons or any other item that may disrupt the ceremony will be excluded from the ceremony.
- Kennedy HS rules will be enforced prior to, during, and after the ceremony. Students who do not follow the rules will not be permitted to participate in the ceremony.

- **The same decorum is expected by our guests.** Any guest items that distract or disrupt the ceremony are not allowed and may be confiscated. Examples include, but are not limited to the following: air horns, noisemakers, balloon bouquets, signs, umbrellas, canopies, or any item that may disrupt the ceremony for other guests.
- Guests who cannot comply with these guidelines or follow directions from John F. Kennedy High School staff will be asked to leave the premises.
- We request that you refrain from individual demonstrations of enthusiasm for your particular graduate and that you join us at the conclusion of the presentation of diplomas with a strong show of pride and congratulations.

#### **GRADUATION PHOTOS AND LIVESTREAM**

- An outside vendor photographer will be available to take pictures.
- The graduation will be livestreamed (link will be provided).

#### **GRADUATION TICKETS DISTRIBUTED ON TUESDAY, JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup>**

- Due to limited seating capacity, only **FOUR GUESTS PER STUDENT ARE ALLOWED.**
- Guest graduation tickets will be distributed to graduates.

#### **GRADUATION PARKING PROCEDURES**

- Parking is very limited. Please limit vehicles to one per graduate.
- Please follow all posted signage and obey all local parking laws.
- The stadium will open at 5:30 pm for seating.
- Parking is **not** available on campus.

#### **GRADUATION ACCESSIBLE PARKING PROCEDURES**

- Drop-off for persons with disabilities will be available through the EP Lot through Simmons Street by the baseball field.
- Vehicles will exit the campus after the drop-off.
- Parking is **not** available on campus.

#### **SENIORS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY MUST ADHERE TO THE SENIOR CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS**

- Academics
- Attendance
- Behavior and Citizenship
- Senior Responsibilities
- Shared Senior and Parent/Guardian Responsibilities
- Additionally:
  - Complete the Senior Clearance Sheet
  - Clear all detentions
  - Pay all debts
  - Attend all Graduation Rehearsals

We look forward to sharing this celebration with you and your graduate. Thank you for being familiar with this information and working with us on creating a positive and memorable experience.

Sincerely, 

Mr. Oscar Vazquez  
Principal