



TALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

GRADUATION GUIDE 2026

Graduation Day

June 15, 2026 - 5:00 PM

IKEA Performing Arts Center

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2026 COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

Monday, June 15th
Graduates arrive 3:30PM
Ceremony starts at 5:00PM

SENIOR REQUIREMENTS - Requirements for participation in Commencement Ceremony

1. Satisfactory completing the minimum requirements as set by Washington State and Renton School District.
 - a. 26.00 or more credits
 - b. 20 Hours of Community Service
 - c. High School and Beyond Plan (HSBP)
 - d. WA State History
 - e. Graduation Pathway
2. Clearance of all fines and obligations, and completion of the final senior check-out
 - a. Check fines [HERE](#)
 - b. Senior check-out after Senior Brunch on June 12th, 2026
3. Participating in the commencement rehearsal
4. Each student who participates will purchase the proper cap, gown and stole as designated by the school administration
 - a. Cap, gown, stoles & tassel will be worn in the proper manner as designated by the district & school administrators

Failure to comply with the above requirements will automatically forfeit a student's privilege of participation in the graduation ceremony

CAP & GOWNS

- Honors Graduation is our vendor for cap and gowns, tassels, announcements, and many other senior and graduation items.
 - Honors Graduation Website - <https://www.honorsgraduation.com/TalleyHighSchoolWA>
 - *If your family is experiencing financial hardship, please reach out to Mr. Pitts (shedrick.pitts@rentonschools.us)
- Fitting day for cap & gowns will be Feb. 5th, 2026 @ 12:00

GRADUATION ATTIRE

- All students participating in the graduation ceremony are required to wear their gown, cap, tassel and stole as directed by school administration.
 - Caps are to be worn straight on top of the head, with tassels on the left at the beginning of the ceremony.
 - **NO DECORATIONS** on the cap are allowed. **This is a RSD district-wide rule.**
 - Graduation cap hair bands/inserts are allowed.
- To present a uniform, formal appearance, please observe the following during the ceremony:
 - No flowers or flashy jewelry should be worn on top of the gown, including; flower, candy, and money leis.
 - During the ceremony all gowns must remain **fully zipped**.
 - **No sunglasses.**
 - Students should wear “business attire” under their graduation gowns (i.e. suit, dress pants and button up shirt, dress, slacks, or skirt and/or blouse.)
 - Make sure that you wear shoes that you are able to safely walk long distances in as well as up and down multiple flights of stairs.
 - Flip-flops and crocs will **NOT** be permitted.
 - Unless otherwise approved by administration, the only additional regalia allowed to be worn during the ceremony are:
 - Honor cords

- **All other additional regalia not listed above must be approved prior to the ceremony and through the process described in the next section of the Graduation Guide.**
- Seniors will **NOT** be permitted to carry phones, bags, and purses during the ceremony.
 - Please leave all personal items with a parent/guardian/trusted guest.
 - If you have medication or other health-related item that you need to keep on you during the ceremony, please check in with Ms. Renee ASAP so that a plan can be put in place for the ceremony.

REMINDER: A few days before graduation, place your gown on a hanger and allow it to hang, and press with a warm (**not hot**) iron.

Unless it is a religious requirement, the only headgear allowed for the ceremony is your mortarboard (cap).

Cultural and Religious Regalia:

- The Renton School District will allow tribal regalia or items of religious or cultural significance as an adornment at the Talley Graduation Ceremony. An adornment is something that is worn or attached to the cap and gown, not in place of them. Examples of adornments could include, eagle feather, pins, necklaces, cultural stoles, or tribal honors cords.
- Class of 2026 white and green stoles should be visible, worn on top of all other stoles, and not significantly covered or obscured by other additional regalia.
- Students **MUST** get their regalia or items of cultural significance approved by Principal Pollard by **May 1st, 2026**.
- Students who arrive at the ceremony with regalia that has not been previously approved by the process outlined below will **NOT** be allowed to wear it in the ceremony.
- Examples of regalia that will NOT be allowed or permitted:
 - Political statements
 - Photos
 - Eagle Scout regalia

- Anything that significantly covers the graduation gown
- Anything that would cause a disruption to the ceremony

Getting your regalia approved:

- If you/your student have cultural and/or religious regalia that you would like to wear in addition to the required graduation items, please email Principal, Ericka Pollard (<mailto:erika.pollard@rentonschools.us>) and Dean of Students, Jasmine Martinez (<mailto:jasmine.martinez@rentonschools.us>) by **May 1st, 2026**.
- Parents/families, you may email our Principal and Dean directly if you would like your regalia item to be a “surprise” when presented to them before graduation.
- Your request will be reviewed by Principal Pollard and Dean Martinez. They will let you know if your request is approved or denied.

TICKETS

Hometown Tickets will be set up by **May 1, 2026**

Each graduate will automatically receive FIVE (5) tickets.

- Renton School District will provide ticket codes to the main office.
- Students will be given 5 ticket codes which will be distributed starting **May 5, 2026.**
 - If you need wheelchair seating, please request them during ticket distribution by emailing Ms. Antonia (<mailto:antonia.angeles@rentonschools.us>) .
 - If you would like to request more tickets please use this link: [Additional Grad Ticket Request Link](#)

PROGRAM

Program Template submission should be submitted by **June 1, 2026**

DIPLOMA DISTRIBUTION INSTRUCTIONS

Diplomas will NOT be distributed at the IKEA Performing Arts Center. You may pick up your diploma from the registrar's office, starting July 20th, 2026 between 8:00am-12:00pm. Please email Talley registrar, **Adriana Cardenas** , so she can ensure that your diploma is ready for distribution the day you plan on coming in.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES 2026

**Wednesday, May 20th – 7:00pm - Outstanding Senior Awards @
District Board Meeting – KEC**

Tuesday, June 9th - 2:00pm - Graduation Rehearsal

IKEA Performing Arts Center: 400 S. 2nd St., Renton, WA 98057

Transportation will be provided from Talley to rehearsal.

Bus departs Talley @ 1:50PM

Families will need to arrange transportation after rehearsal.

Friday, June 12th - Senior Brunch / Senior Check-In

Field Day - Talley High School

Senior Brunch - Celebrate, eat good food, sign yearbooks, games & selfie station.

Check-In - Turn in Chromebooks, hot spots, library/textbooks, pay fines, check out with the counselor and teachers.

Field Day - Fun & games with all students and staff.

Period 1 - 8:50 - 9:20

Period 2 - 9:24 - 9:54

Period 3 - 9:58 - 10:28

Period 4 - 10:32 - 11:02

Period 5 - 11:04 - 11:35

Rehearsal Seniors Only - 11:00 - 11:35

Lunch / Field Day - 11:36 - 2:03

(Teachers 11:36 - 12:12 duty free lunch, then are a part of field day)

Friday, June 12th -

2nd Graduation Rehearsal @ Talley - 11:00am - 11:35am

Regular class schedule for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th periods

Senior Brunch & Rehearsal – 11:00am - Room 260

Graduation Rehearsal - Practice for the big night!!

Senior Brunch - Celebrate, eat good food, sign yearbooks, games & selfie station.

We will have an iron and clothes steamer available for students to use for graduation gowns!

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Graduates please arrive - 3:30 PM

Lobby doors open – 4:00 PM

Seating doors open - 4:30

Ceremony starts promptly - 5:00 PM

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, Feb. 5th, 2026 - Senior Meeting / Cap & Gown Fittings (12:00 PM in Room 101)

Monday, March 9th, 2026 - Graduation Assurance Letters go out to Seniors

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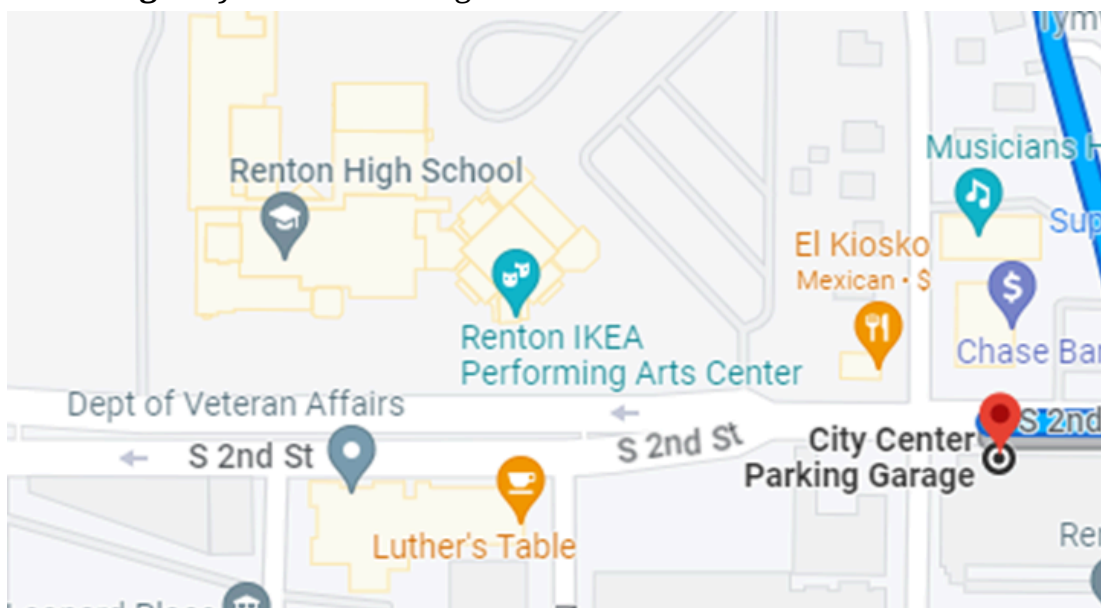
GUEST INFORMATION

Disabled Seating: All seating is assigned. Please make sure you request your wheelchair assigned ticket when receiving your ticket codes from Talley.

During the Ceremony: In order to honor all graduates, please note the following:

- Every family looks forward to the moment their graduate takes the stage to receive their diploma and wants to celebrate their accomplishment. We ask that the cheers and shout-outs be kept very short so that everyone's names can be heard and every family is able to enjoy their special moment.
- Cell phones **MUST** be turned off or silenced.
- Noisemakers, balloons, and confetti are **STRICTLY PROHIBITED** at the IKEA Performing Arts Center. These are best enjoyed at your private celebrations.
- All guests are subject to a bag search and security check without exception.

Parking: City Center Parking - **FREE**



General Floor Plan

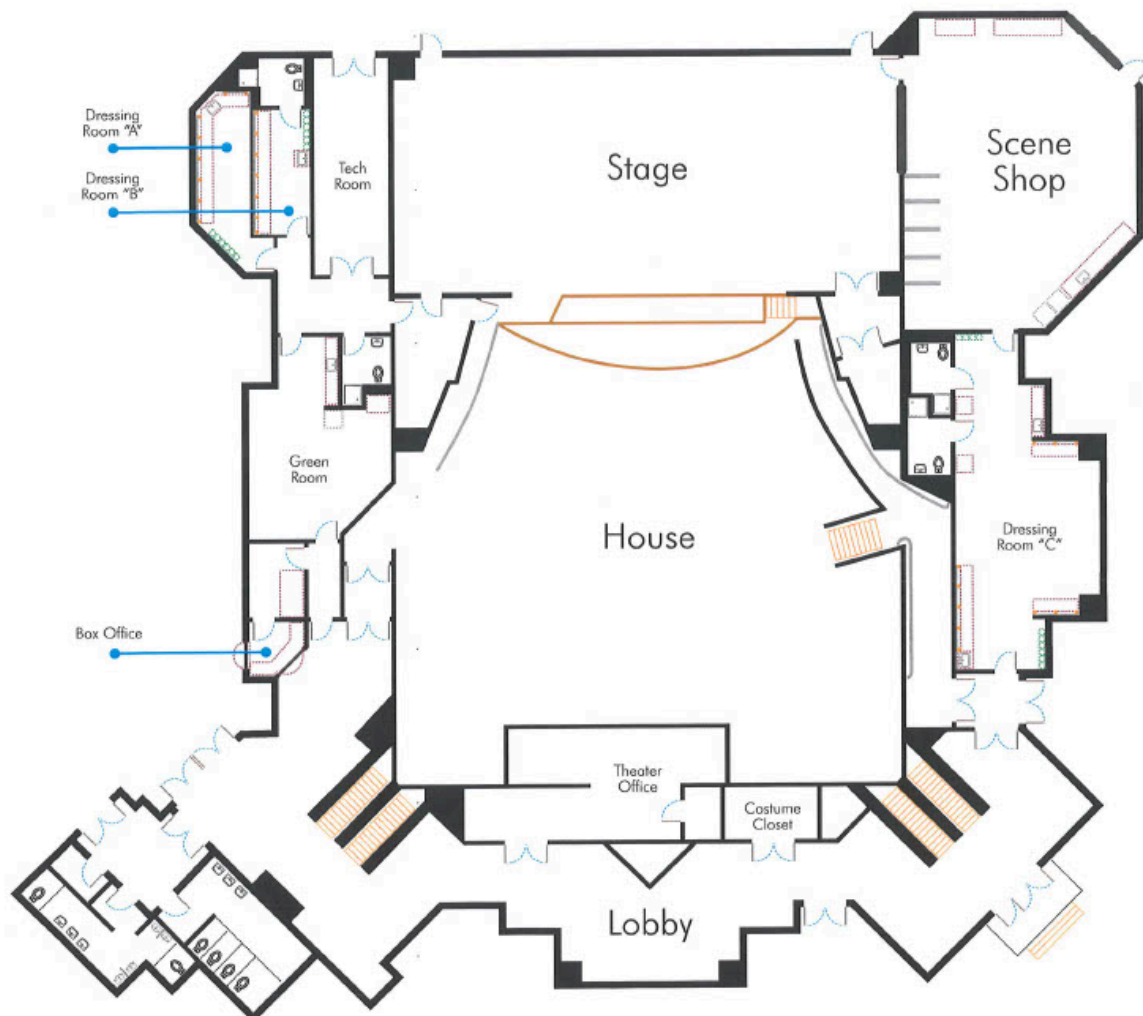
With rental of the facility, a number of spaces are available for your use.

Easy load-in through the scene shop which is at ground level and is accessible through a roll-up door that is just 30 feet to stage left.

Three dressing rooms are available on stage left and stage right. Dressing Room "A" has a sink, lockers and lit mirror stations. Dressing Room "B" has a private bathroom with shower, sink, lockers, and lit mirror stations. Our largest is Dressing Room "C" which has two private bathrooms with showers, two sinks, lockers, television monitor, and lit mirror stations.

A Green Room is available off of stage right and has a full-size refrigerator, sink, microwave, soft seating, and a television monitor. Just outside the Green Room is a bathroom with shower.

Also available is the Box Office, which has two ticketing positions, one of these positions has an external window.



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