NORTHSTAR online school

Washoe County School District's Online School

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Dear North Star Seniors, Early Graduates, and Families,

This letter provides helpful and important information regarding Graduation 2026 for North Star Online School students and families.

GRADUATION 2026: Any North Star student who has successfully earned the 23 required credits, taken the required ACT + Writing Exam and Civics Exam, qualifies to receive a Washoe County School District diploma from North Star Online School. Students meeting the criteria are eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony on June 15, 2026, at 11:00am at Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC) in the Red Mountain Building (located at 7000 Dandini Blvd. Reno, NV 89512).

LAST DAY FOR SENIORS TO TAKE FINAL EXAMS: Graduates must complete all courses and take their final exams by noon on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, or sooner **and** be cleared for graduation.

BOOKS & TECHNOLOGY: All books, laptops, and other school-issued supplies must be returned to North Star no later than Wednesday, June 10, 2026.

GRADUATION PRACTICE: Friday, June 5, 2026, at 10:00am. To be held at the Student Center within the Red Mountain Building at TMCC, located at 7000 Dandini Blvd. Reno, NV 89512. Please arrive no later than 9:55am, as the practice will start promptly. Please plan to attend if you are walking in the graduation ceremony.

CLASS OF 2026 CELEBRATION BRUNCH: June 5, 2026, immediately following graduation practice. Stay and hang out with the Class of 2026 for our Senior Brunch! We will be enjoying some tasty breakfast pastries, fruit, and drinks. It's a relaxing way to spend some time together as we wrap up your senior year. See you there!

GRADUATION CEREMONY: The ceremony will begin at 11:00am on Monday, June 15, 2026.

- **10:15am:** Graduates must arrive, dressed and ready with caps and gowns on.
- **10:30am:** Guest seating begins.
- **11:00am:** Graduation ceremony begins.

GRADUATION GUEST PARKING, ADMISSION TICKETS:

- The ceremony will be available via live stream for family and friends who are not in attendance. The link will be posted on the North Star website under "Graduation 2026".
    - https://northstar.washoeschools.net/our-school/graduation-2026
- No parking passes are required, as TMCC has an open lot.
- Admission tickets will be required to enter TMCC for the graduation ceremony. Tickets can be picked up from the North Star office. Families will receive a Connect Ed. call when tickets are ready for pick-up. Check with our office staff in late May, if you have not received the notification.
- **10 seating tickets** are allocated per family.
    - 5 blue tickets will be designated for immediate family on the Student Center floor in the Red Mountain Building.
    - 5 white tickets will be designated for general guests; and **seating in an overflow area may be necessary.**

ENTRY INTO TMCC: North Star staff will be monitoring entry, guiding students to the "ready room", and assisting families in finding their seats. Guests must have their tickets with them to enter and seated for the ceremony.

- No ballons or noisemakers allowed inside the TMCC Red Mountain Building.
- Seating is not assigned, it is first come-first served.

GRADUATE SEATING: During the ceremony, graduates will be seated directly in front of the stage with their classmates.

PICTURES: Bell Photo will take pictures of graduates in the ready room and will provide purchasing information to families. Additionally, a complimentary photo of students receiving their diplomas will be available through Bell Photo.

NO BALLOONS, SCREAMING OUT, NOISEMAKERS OR OTHER SUCH DISTRACTIONS: The use of these items or any other loud or disruptive actions may result in removal from the event.

STUDENT BELONGINGS: Please only bring your cap, tassel and your gown to graduation. Do not bring any personal items, purses, backpacks, cameras, graduation gifts, etc., as you will not be able to carry these items into the graduation ceremony and it is not recommended to leave items in the ready room.

PERSONAL DECORATIONS ON CAPS AND GOWNS: Graduates may tastefully decorate their caps but are NOT able to decorate the outside of their gowns as per WCSD Policy, Regulation 5128.

DIPLOMAS: As students walk across the stage at graduation, they will receive a diploma cover from a member of the Washoe County School Board of Trustees. Their actual diploma certificate will **not** be inside the cover. Students will pick up their diploma certificate immediately after the ceremony in the ready room where they gathered prior to the ceremony. Tables will be labeled alphabetically, and students will get in line according to their last name. Any student who does not pick up their diploma at the ceremony can come to North Star to get it on or after Thursday, June 18, 2026. Diplomas will not be mailed.

TRANSCRIPTS: Transcripts are not available through North Star, you must go to the WCSD page https://washoeschoolsnv.scriborder.com/ to order your transcripts.

***NOTE:* Receipt of this graduation information letter does not guarantee that your student will be graduating in June.**

We are grateful to have been part of your student's journey. This year's graduating class has been an outstanding group, and it has been a pleasure getting to know and support them. We wish you and your graduate continued success in all that lies ahead. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the school at 775-353-6900.

Sincerely,

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