Class of 2026
Commencement Ceremony

Marine Creek Collegiate High School

Friday, May 29, 2026 | 12 p.m.

Wilkerson-Greines Activity Center

FORT WORTH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Spanish translation available via livestream.
Please wear headphones.

www.fwisd.org/graduation

Principal
Sterlin McGruder

Assistant Principal
Jessica Tackett

Lead Executive Director of High Schools
Dr. Chris Barksdale

North Regional Chief
Pablo Resendiz

Marine Creek Collegiate High School is a Fort Worth ISD Gold Seal School of Choice located on the campus of Tarrant County College Northwest.

Campus Vision

MCCHS will continue to develop and refine our navigational systems and approaches to support students as they embark on their chosen journey.

Core Values

Service
Honesty
Accountability
Respect
Kindness
Scholarship

Campus Mission

Students will be provided a compass to aid them in their journey while anchoring them in their values to help them navigate the seas of life.

Alma Mater

Hail to the Gold and Blue!
Hail to our Alma Mater!

Our voices in cheerful song,
may our hearts be forever free!

Marine Creek Collegiate High
we raise a hail to thee!

Bold voices to praise and sing
loyalty to the Gold and Blue!

We laugh, we play, we work,
we sing, we owe so much to you!

Hail to thee Collegiate High
no limit shall we see!

Yes, Hail to thee Collegiate High
where our hearts will always be!

Message from the Superintendent

Dear Graduates, Families, and Esteemed Guests,

It is with great pride and deep admiration that I welcome you to this momentous occasion — our high school graduation ceremony. Today, we gather not only to celebrate the culmination of years of hard work, perseverance, and growth, but to honor the promise, resilience, and brilliance of each student seated before us.

Graduates, your journey has been anything but ordinary. You have navigated challenges, embraced opportunities, and demonstrated a commitment to your future that reflects the very best of our community. Along the way, you have been supported by dedicated educators, loving families, and peers who have walked beside you — each playing a vital role in shaping the individuals you are today.

During my brief time as your superintendent, I have had the privilege of witnessing firsthand the extraordinary talent and determination that exists within our school. You represent the future leaders, innovators, and change-makers who will go on to strengthen our communities and impact the world in meaningful ways. Whether your path leads you to higher education, the workforce, military service, or new adventures yet to be defined, know that you carry with you the foundation, values, and spirit of this district.

This milestone is not simply an ending — it is a beginning. A beginning filled with possibility, responsibility, and hope. I encourage each of you to remain curious, stay grounded in your purpose, and never lose sight of the power you have to make a difference.

To our families and staff: thank you. Your unwavering support, encouragement, and belief in our students have made this day possible. This achievement belongs to you as well.

Graduates, as you turn your tassels and step forward into the next chapter of your lives, do so with confidence, integrity, and pride. You have earned this moment.

Congratulations, Class of 2026. Your future is bright, and we are incredibly proud of you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Peter B. Licata

Superintendent
Dr. Peter B. Licata

Deputy Superintendent, Chief of Schools
Dr. Daniel Soliz

Chief of Staff
Dr. Louis M. Kushner

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Commencement Program

Processional . . . . . "Pomp and Circumstance" by Edward Elgar

Presentation of Colors . . . . . Arlington Heights High School JROTC

National Anthem . . . . . Michelle Gonzalez
SENIOR CLASS VICE PRESIDENT
"THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER" BY FRANCIS SCOTT KEY

Pledge of Allegiance . . . . . Joanna Casarrubias
SENIOR CLASS SECRETARY

Texas Pledge . . . . . Victoria Wilde
SENIOR CLASS TREASURER

Welcome and Introduction of Platform Guests . . . . . Sterlin McGruder
PRINCIPAL

Greetings . . . . . Tennessee Walker
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Superintendent's Address. . . . . Dr. Peter B. Licata

Principal's Address . . . . . Sterlin McGruder

Presentation of Latin Honors . . . . . Jessica Tackett
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Presentation of Scholarship Recipients. . . . . Sherry Reed
LEAD COUNSELOR

Presentation of Associate Degree Recipients . . . . . Courtney Foster
POSTSECONDARY SPECIALIST

Presentation of National Honor Societies . . . . . Sherry Reed

Introduction of Salutatorian . . . . . Dr. Chris Barksdale
LEAD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HIGH SCHOOLS

Salutatorian Address

Introduction of Valedictorian . . . . . Sterlin McGruder

Valedictorian Address

Presentation of Candidates for Graduation . . . . . Sterlin McGruder
ANNOUNCER: JESUS GONZALEZ-HERNANDEZ,
TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE SPANISH PROFESSOR

Conferring of Diplomas. . . . . Dr. Peter B. Licata
SUPERINTENDENT

Turning of the Tassel. . . . . Daniel Sanders
SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT

Recessional. . . . . "Pomp and Circumstance" by Edward Elgar

View the Valedictorian, Salutatorian, Latin Honors graduates, and other honors not available by print time at **fwisd.org/HonorGrads**

Disclaimer: The student speakers were selected based on neutral criteria to deliver messages of the students' own choice. The content of each student speaker's message is the private expression of the individual student and does not reflect any position or expression of the FWISD, the Board of Education, the district's administration, employees of the district, or the views of any other graduate.

Candidates for Graduation

Mario Aguilera
Alejandro Anaya
Jose Avila
Vanessa Balandran
Isabella Barrera
Layla Brose
Lawrence Byrd
Henry Camacho
Maira Cancino
Elias Carrillo
Joanna Casarrubias
Sara Castaneda
Angela Castro
Brando Castro
Deyre Cerda
Andres Cisneros
Sophia Cortez
Ximena Espino
Joshua Espinoza
Jason Flores
Shayla Fuller
Lyla Gerber
Anthony Gonzalez
Megan Gonzalez
Melissa Gonzalez
Michelle Gonzalez
Mariapaula Gonzalez Jiloteo
Nerhy Gutierrez
Yeraldith Gutierrez
Alexander Hernandez
Sebastian Jaramillo
Cesar Lopez
Mia Lopez
Raul Marquez
Karen Martinez
Marialy Martinez
Michael Martinez
Kathia Martinez Barron
Jazmine Mendez-Salas
Sherlyn Millan
Stephanie Mora
Brianna Morales
Bianca Moreno Adame
Joshua Mosqueda
Erick Munoz
Kayla Munoz
Yatzil Orozco
Diego Padilla
Liza Perez
Jocelyne Perez
Natalli Preciado
Nicholas Rivas
Joseph Salais
Daniel Sanders
Satvir Sandhu
Daniel Santillan
Jaycob Serrato
Gene Starr
Milaab Takey
Omar Tavera
Ricardo Valencia
Isaiah Valenzuela
Cynthia Vargas
Michelle Vega
Axel Velazquez
Victoria Wilde
Javier Zamora
Giancarlo Zuniga

Senior Class Officers

PRESIDENT
Daniel Sanders

VICE PRESIDENT
Michelle Gonzalez

SECRETARY
Joanna Casarrubias

TREASURER
Victoria Wilde

HISTORIAN
Cynthia Vargas

PARLIAMENTARIAN
Bianca Moreno Adame

REPORTER
Sophia Cortez

SPONSORS
Lauren Savage
Erika Diaz Bugarin

National Honor Society

PRESIDENT
Cynthia Vargas

HISTORIAN
Cesar Lopez

MEMBERS
Isabella Barrera
Layla Brose
Henry Camacho
Joanna Casarrubias
Sara Castaneda
Sophia Cortez
Jason Flores
Lyla Gerber
Mariapaula Gonzalez Jiloteo
Mia Lopez
Raul Marquez
Karen Martinez
Sherlyn Millan
Stephanie Mora
Bianca Moreno Adame
Erick Munoz
Daniel Sanders
Ricardo Valencia
Michelle Vega

Associate Degrees

Mario Aguilera
Alejandro Anaya
Jose Avila
Isabella Barrera
Layla Brose
Henry Camacho
Elias Carrillo
Joanna Casarrubias
Sara Castaneda
Angela Castro
Brando Castro
Andres Cisneros
Sophia Cortez
Jason Flores
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Nerhy Gutierrez
Alexander Hernandez
Cesar Lopez
Mia Lopez
Raul Marquez
Karen Martinez
Marialy Martinez
Sherlyn Millan
Stephanie Mora
Bianca Moreno Adame
Erick Munoz
Yatzil Orozco
Diego Padilla
Liza Perez
Natalli Preciado
Daniel Sanders
Satvir Sandhu
Daniel Santillan
Gene Starr
Milaab Takey
Ricardo Valencia
Cynthia Vargas
Michelle Vega
Axel Velazquez
Victoria Wilde
Giancarlo Zuniga

Superintendent's Scholars

Mario Aguilera
Alejandro Anaya
Jose Avila
Vanessa Balandran
Isabella Barrera
Layla Brose
Henry Camacho
Maira Cancino
Elias Carrillo
Joanna Casarrubias
Sara Castaneda
Angela Castro
Brando Castro
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Sebastian Jaramillo
Cesar Lopez
Mia Lopez
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Marialy Martinez
Michael Martinez
Kathia Martinez Barron
Jazmine Mendez-Salas
Sherlyn Millan
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Brianna Morales
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Diego Padilla
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Natalli Preciado
Nicholas Rivas
Joseph Salais
Daniel Sanders
Satvir Sandhu
Daniel Santillan
Jaycob Serrato
Gene Starr
Milaab Takey
Omar Tavera
Ricardo Valencia
Isaiah Valenzuela
Cynthia Vargas
Michelle Vega
Axel Velazquez
Victoria Wilde
Javier Zamora
Giancarlo Zuniga

Land Scholars

Layla Brose
Joanna Casarubbias
Sara Castaneda
Shayla Fuller
Michelle Gonzalez
Alexander Hernandez
Cesar Lopez
Karen Martinez
Stephanie Mora
Liza Perez
Milaab Tackey
Ricardo Valencia
Cynthia Vargas

Cords & Stoles

CORDS

Summa Cum Laude . . . . . Maize Gold
Magna Cum Laude . . . . . Silver
Cum Laude . . . . . White
Associate Degree . . . . . Blue and Gold
Dual Credit 30 hours . . . . . Old Gold
Dual Credit 9 hours . . . . . Navy and Gold
TCC Land Scholar . . . . . Blue and Green
Carter Blood Care . . . . . Red
United Voices for Change . . . . . Purple, Teal, and Orange
Community Service . . . . . Green

STOLES

National Honor Society . . . . . White Collar
Superintendent Scholar . . . . . White

Faculty & Staff

PRINCIPAL
Sterlin McGruder

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
Jessica Tackett

POSTSECONDARY SPECIALIST
Courtney Foster

LEAD COUNSELOR
Sherry Reed

COUNSELOR
Misty Valdez

DATA/COUNSELING CLERK
Kathleen Marshall

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Hilda Martinez

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT SPECIALIST
Jonathan Torres

SPECIAL ED RESOURCE TEACHER
Connie Lamb

NURSE
Mary Keating

SCHOOL MONITOR
Delayna Jackson

TEACHERS
Christopher Allaire
Stephanie Allen
Rebecca Altizer
Juanita Britton
Sylvia Byrd
Savannah Carter
Victor Chapa
Erika Diaz-Burgarin
Cassandra Engel
Ryan Eyres
Omar Leal
Lauren Savage
Maryam Said
Brittany Scott
Alejandra Velazquez