FORT WORTH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Class of 2026

Summer Graduation Ceremony

Ceremonia de Graduación
Clase de Verano de 2026

Friday, July 31, 2026
viernes 31 de julio de 2026

6 p.m. | Wilkerson-Greines Activity Center

Fort Worth
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

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Mensaje del Superintendente

Estimados graduados, familias y distinguidos invitados:

Es con gran orgullo y profunda admiración que les doy la bienvenida a esta ocasión tan señalada: nuestra ceremonia de graduación de secundaria. Hoy nos reunimos no solo para celebrar la culminación de años de esfuerzo, perseverancia y crecimiento, sino también para rendir homenaje a la promesa, la resiliencia y la brillantez de cada uno de los alumnos que se encuentran aquí hoy.

Graduados, su recorrido ha sido todo excepto ordinario. Superaron retos, aprovecharon oportunidades y demostraron un compromiso con su futuro que refleja lo mejor de nuestra comunidad. A lo largo del camino, contaron con el apoyo de educadores dedicados, familias cariñosas y compañeros que han caminado a su lado; cada uno de ellos ha desempeñado un papel fundamental en la formación de las personas que son hoy.

Durante mi breve tiempo como superintendente, he tenido el privilegio de ser testigo del extraordinario talento y la determinación que existen en nuestras escuelas. Ustedes representan a los futuros líderes, innovadores y agentes de cambio que fortalecerán nuestras comunidades y tendrán un impacto significativo en el mundo. Ya sea que su camino los lleve a la educación superior, al mundo laboral, al servicio militar o a nuevas aventuras aún por definir, sepan que llevan consigo los cimientos, los valores y el espíritu de este distrito.

Este logro no es simplemente un final, sino un comienzo. Un comienzo lleno de posibilidades, responsabilidad y esperanza. Los animo a todos a mantener la curiosidad, a permanecer fieles a vuestro propósito y a no perder nunca de vista el poder que tienen para hacer la diferencia.

A nuestras familias y al personal: gracias. Su apoyo inquebrantable, aliento y fe en nuestros alumnos han hecho posible este día. Este logro también les pertenece a ustedes.

Graduados, al girar sus borlas y dar un paso adelante hacia el siguiente capítulo de vuestras vidas, hacedlo con confianza, integridad y orgullo. Se han ganado este momento.

Enhorabuena, clase graduanda de 2026. Vuestro futuro es brillante y estamos increíblemente orgullosos de vosotros.

Atentamente,

Dr. Peter B. Licata

Superintendente
Dr. Peter B. Licata

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Commencement Program

Opening Remarks . . . . . Tameka Smith, Counselor at Paschal High School

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

Presentation of Colors . . . . . Young Men's Leadership Academy JROTC

National Anthem . . . . . "The Star-Spangled Banner" by Francis Scott Key

Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge . . . . . Celeste Soto,
Graduating Senior, O.D. Wyatt High School

Welcome and Introduction of Platform Guests . . . . . Tameka Smith

Greetings . . . . . Courtney Lewis, School Board Vice President

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

Tributes to Families, Faculty, and Staff. . . . . Cruz Yanez,
Graduating Senior, Paschal High School

Presentation of Candidates . . . . . Campus Principals and Assistant Principals
ANNOUNCER: PAULA STEELMAN, ASSESSMENT COORDINATOR AT PASCHAL HIGH SCHOOL

Arlington Heights High School . . . . . Cody Sherburn (Asst. Principal)
Benbrook Middle-High School . . . . . Dr. Jason Oliver
Carter-Riverside High School . . . . . Phinikki Lawrence
Como Success Academy . . . . . Dr. Justin Barrett
Diamond Hill-Jarvis High School . . . . . Paola Rodríguez
P.L. Dunbar High School. . . . . Baldwin (Ricky) Brown
Eastern Hills High School . . . . . Dr. Christie Samuel
North Side High School . . . . . Manuel De La Cruz
R.L. Paschal High School . . . . . Barbara Ozuna
Polytechnic High School . . . . . Kim Courville Williams
South Hills High School. . . . . Dr. Ruenna Valdez
Southwest High School. . . . . Francisco Maldonado (Asst. Principal)
TCC South/FWISD Collegiate High School . . . . Dr. Quanda Collins
Western Hills High School . . . . . Susan Bowers (Asst. Principal)
O.D. Wyatt High School . . . . . Adaure Nduka

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

Turning of the Tassel. . . . . Tameka Smith

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

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Programa de Graduación

Palabras de Bienvenida . . . . . Tameka Smith, Consejera de la Preparatoria Paschal

Procesional. . . . . "Pomp and Circumstance" por Edward Elgar

Presentación de los colores . . . . . JROTC de YMLA

Himno nacional. . . . . "The Star-Spangled Banner" por Francis Scott Key

Juramento a la bandera, Juramento a la bandera de Texas . . . . . Celeste Soto, Estudiante Graduada de Preparatoria O.D. Wyatt

Bienvenida e introducción de invitados en la plataforma. . . . . .Tameka Smith

Saludos. . . . . .Courtney Lewis, Vicepresidenta de la Junta Escolar

Discurso del Superintendente . . . . . Dr. Peter B. Licata

Tributo a las familias, personal docente y administrativo . . . . . .Cruz Yanez, Estudiante Graduada de Preparatoria Paschal

Presentación de los candidatos . . . . . Directores y Subdirectores de Escuelas

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Secundaria-Preparatoria Benbrook . . . . . Dr. Jason Oliver
Preparatoria Carter-Riverside . . . . . .Phinikki Lawrence
Academia Como Success . . . . . Dr. Justin Barrett
Preparatoria Diamond Hill-Jarvis . . . . . .Paola Rodríguez
Preparatoria P.L. Dunbar. . . . . Baldwin (Ricky) Brown
Preparatoria Eastern Hills . . . . . Dra. Christie Samuel
Preparatoria North Side. . . . . .Manuel De La Cruz
Preparatoria R.L. Paschal . . . . . Barbara Ozuna
Preparatoria Polytechnic . . . . . Kim Courville Williams
Preparatoria South Hills. . . . . .Dra. Ruenna Valdez
Preparatoria Southwest . . . . . Francisco Maldonado (Subdirector)
Secundaria Universitaria TCC South/FWISD. . . Dra. Quanda Collins
Preparatoria Western Hills. . . . . Susan Bowers (Subdirectora)
Preparatoria O.D. Wyatt . . . . . Adaure Nduka

Entrega de diplomas . . . . . Dr. Peter B. Licata

Cambio de la borla . . . . . .Tameka Smith

Salida . . . . . "Pomp and Circumstance" por Edward Elgar

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Candidatos para graduación

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Nicholas Longoria
Yandrielis Nava Medina
Briella Navejar
Jaylen Phillips
Jhonandriw Santeliz Jimenez Sr
Carolyn Solomon
Leslie Sosa Perez
Eric Vera

Benbrook Middle-High School

Isabella Davis
Mya Fenner
Jacob Hall
Jason Humplik
Belinda Martinez

Carter-Riverside High School

Pablo Aguilar Carrillo
Dominic Arreola
Erick Torres

Candidates for Graduation

Candidatos para graduación

Como Success Academy

Alexis Carrillo
Mariah Coleman
Aaliyah Coleman
Itzana Juarez
Brooklyn Maldonado
Maria Mora
Halle Stallings

Diamond Hill-Jarvis High School

Cristian Galicia Castillo
Jose Gonzalez
Erick Hernandez
Javier Perez Ortiz
Jason Razo
Aisha Sarwari

P.L. Dunbar High School

Robert Jackson Jr.
Keyara McDade
Derrick Smith
Santiago Trujillo
Chrystian Walker

Candidates for Graduation

Candidatos a la graduación

Eastern Hills High School

Steven Clark
Jasmine Durham
Christopher Garrett
Ashton Gilliland
Jalen McBride
Myrical Powell
Aaron Romero
Ke Smith
Blanca Velasquez Molina

North Side High School

Kevin Cervantes Cervantes
Michael Lira
Martin Ramirez

R.L. Paschal High School

Jocelyn Chavarria
Maysin Gutierrez
Angelina Mernagh
Angelica Nava
Cristian Olivo
Mia Salas
Emily Sandoval
Anaely Vega
Cruz Yanez

Polytechnic High School

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Diego Gonzalez Valenzuela
Christopher Gutierrez

Candidates for Graduation

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South Hills High School

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Emelyn Jimenez Delgadillo
Yeraldo Magana
Eduardo Rea Fernandez
Julio Yanez Olvera

Southwest High School

Benny Rojas Ugalde

Tarrant County College South-Fort Worth ISD Collegiate High School

Alyssa Smith

Western Hills High School

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Alexis Mora Maya
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