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Guidelines for STISD "Walk of Honor" Graduation Ceremonies

STISD is excited to honor this year's graduating seniors through STISD "Walk of Honor" Graduation Ceremonies to be held at the Bert Ogden Arena in Edinburg.

The following are some of the important guidelines for these events:

Health & Safety:

- STISD is working with the staff at Bert Ogden Arena to plan for the safest graduations possible, but this will require assistance and support from all attendees.
- Please be responsible and considerate of others. If you are not feeling well, are ill, or have any symptoms of COVID-19 (cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, diarrhea, feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit), or if you have had close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19, please refrain from attending.
- The wearing of face masks is highly encouraged.
- We understand that not everyone will be comfortable with attending an in-person event. This is an optional event, and graduation is not contingent upon the graduate attending. We will do our very best to promote conditions to maintain social distancing, but if you are not comfortable with being in close proximity with others at this time, please do not feel as though you must attend.

Process & Procedure

- Up to 10 family members will be able to attend per each graduate/family (in the case of multiple graduates from the same family).
- We will be using the Bert Ogden Arena e-ticketing system to accept RSVPs for the event (required) and to allow for seat selection maintaining social distancing. Each graduate (or family) will have a pod of 10 seats available for him/her to reserve tickets. Each pod will be separated from other pods.
- The individual links to access the e-ticketing system for each individual ceremony will be posted within the STISD Graduations 2022 section of the district website prior to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 20.
- The online Bert Ogden Arena ticketing system will open at the posted links (individual links per each event) at **6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 20**, so that guests can begin selecting and reserving their seats. The deadline for guest seat selection for the event is **5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 23**. RSVPs submitted after this time will not be guaranteed a seat.
- Students will use their individual student ID numbers to log into the system. These codes are tied to pods that contain 10 guest tickets for the individual student and must not be shared with others.

- Tickets can be printed at home and brought to the venue or presented electronically on the guest's device at check-in time.
- Check-in for students and parents will occur one hour prior to the start of the event on the day of the event. Students and parents will check in at different gates. A map will be shared electronically leading up to the graduation so that you know where each group will enter the park.
- There will not be dressing rooms for students. Students must come dressed and ready for the ceremony.
- Please reference the posted Prohibited Items list for detailed guidance on what will or will not be accepted in the venue.
- The program for the STISD "Walk of Honor" Graduation Ceremonies will be posted on the district's graduation webpage leading up to the event. Programs will not be printed and distributed to guests at the event, but guests are welcome to print them on their own and bring them to the event to follow along or may follow along electronically.
- After the ceremony ends, students and staff will be exited from the venue immediately through separate gates and are asked not to congregate outside of the venue.
- The celebration events will be livestreamed via the district's Facebook page.

Dress

- Wear your graduation regalia (cap, gown, medals, etc.).

Additional Notes

- Bags must be clear if larger than 6" x 8." See additional notes on approved bags on Prohibited Items List.
- The venue does not allow balloons, noisemakers of confetti.
- Flowers are allowed, but not in a glass vase.
- Gifts in gift bags are ok, but wrapped presents are not allowed.