



HASTINGS
HIGH SCHOOL

Home of the Fighting Bears!

Graduation

2021
class of

C O N G R A T S !



From the Superintendent

June 2021

Dear Graduating Seniors

Without question, the greatest sense of pride I have each year is watching students walk across the stage as a high school senior and exit the stage just seconds later as a high school graduate. Every one of you know that it took more than a “few seconds” to earn the privilege of being a graduate.

Please take a moment and think about how our world has changed during the past 15 months. Despite the challenges that the pandemic threw at us, you found a way to continue your learning online and graduate. Despite the social injustices committed in this country, you found a way to peacefully call for change in our country and still continue making strides towards graduation. The New Year brought a historic freeze to Texas, and, despite being out of school for several days, you didn't miss a beat and you still pressed onward to complete the necessary requirements for graduation.

For this significant accomplishment, it is with pride and honor that I congratulate you, your family and every teacher that has ever had an impact on you towards reaching this milestone.

Please know you are beginning a new chapter in your life that is both exciting and a little intimidating. Take the excitement you are feeling now and trust it to get you through the challenges that life will present. You will soon learn that enthusiasm and confidence in your abilities will allow you to accomplish great things. Whether you are going on to college or entering the workforce, never lose sight of your passion, and never let anyone persuade you that you can't achieve your life's dreams.

As you prepare to leave high school, be sure to thank your family, friends and teachers. You are where you are today because of these individuals. Please keep in mind that your teachers had to pivot on a dime in March 2020 to continue challenging you with rigorous online instruction.

I ask you to please stay in touch, remain Alief Proud and do your part to keep the legacy of the Class of 2021 great.

I wish each of you the best of luck, success and happiness. Congratulations!

H.D. Chambers Superintendent of Sch



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Hastings High School Principal

Dear Parents and Fighting Bear Graduating Class of 2021,

On behalf of the Hastings High School staff and administration, we congratulate you and your child for their perseverance and commitment towards meeting the requirements to graduate. This is a time to celebrate your child's accomplishments. We recognize the important role that parents play in their child's education and value your participation and attendance at the upcoming commencement ceremony. We invite you to attend our 2021 graduation which will be held at Tully Stadium on Friday, June 4, 2021 at 8:00am.

Graduation is both a time of celebration and a solemn ceremony that should be approached with great dignity. This packet contains important information regarding the Hastings graduation ceremony. It is important that both you and your graduate read and discuss the information enclosed so that you can become more aware of the activities and guidelines involved in graduation. You will find general graduation information, directions, parking information, and dress guidelines. **In addition, admission to the graduation ceremony at Tully Stadium is by ticket only and each graduate will receive only 4 tickets for graduation.**

The information included in this letter will enable both you and your graduate to become more aware of the activities that mark the close of your student's high school career. We hope that this information will prove helpful to you as you prepare for the graduation exercises. This letter, however, is not a guarantee that your student will graduate. Graduating students must have successfully completed all required credits, adhered to the district's attendance policy, and successfully completed the required state EOC exams to receive an Alief ISD diploma.

I congratulate both you and your child for reaching this milestone. I thank you for your involvement and support throughout the years. On behalf of the entire staff, I want to congratulate all of our 2021 graduating seniors and their parents for this academic accomplishment. Your student has worked extremely hard, and we are proud of their achievements.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 281-498-8110, extension 27042 or send an email to lynette.miller@aliefisd.net.

Sincerely,

Lynette Miller
Coordinating Principal

Graduating Seniors Expectations

🐾 Graduates must arrive at Tully Stadium one hour (7:00am) prior to processional. If you are late, you will not be able to participate.

🐾 Tully Stadium has a clear bag policy. Only small (no bigger than 8 x 10) clear bags will be permitted at Tully Stadium for all graduations.

🐾 Alief ISD must cap the number of total participants (inclusive of students, families, and staff) to a level that can be managed in the outdoor venue to maximize social distancing, both during the event and during entry and exit. To meet this requirement, each student will receive four (4) tickets. Graduation will be live-streamed for friends and families to watch from the comfort of their home. Link will be available on the Alief ISD webpage.

🐾 No one, except graduates, will be allowed on the field of Tully Stadium during the ceremony. **PLEASE TAKE PICTURES AT HOME.** Also, during the set-up of graduation, no family or friends may visit with the graduates on the field.

🐾 Professional photographers will be taking pictures. Graduates will have the opportunity to take a picture after exiting the stage.

🐾 **All graduation attendees must vacate the premises immediately following the ceremony. Vehicles that are in the parking lot 30 minutes following the end of the ceremony will receive a fine. Please make sure to share this information with your guests.**

🐾 Diplomas will not be given to you on graduation day. Diplomas should be picked up at the campus on:

June 15 th :	7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Last name A – D
June 15 th :	12:30pm – 3:30pm	Last name E – L
June 16 th	7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Last name M - Q
June 16 th	12:30pm – 3:30pm	Last name R - Z

COVID-19 Prevention Measures:

- Guests need to maintain social distancing at all times while in attendance at graduation ceremonies.
- Guests will be seated only in designated areas. Please sit between the red tape which is located on the bleachers.
- All guests are to self-screen prior to the event.
- Any guest with any of the following should NOT attend the ceremony or come to the stadium. New or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:
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 - 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
 - Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19 if exposure to the active confirmed case occurred within the last 14 days
- Individuals who were diagnosed with COVID-19 cannot attend unless:
 - At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications);
 - And the individual has improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath);
 - And at least 7 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
 - Guests are to appropriately disinfect their hands, including prior to accessing stadium facilities and after the use of restroom facilities.
 - Cloth face coverings/masks are required. A Hastings senior graduation mask will be provided to each senior upon entering the stadium.
 - Surfaces will be disinfected prior to each event.

After the Graduation:

- 🐾 At the end of the ceremony, we are asking graduates not to toss their caps due to social distancing standards and the inability to retrieve their own cap.
- 🐾 When directed, campus administration will dismiss everyone in an orderly manner by section and by rows. Graduates and guests will exit out of the stadium through the south end zone. Please have patience during this process as we work to ensure the health and safety of all participants.
- 🐾 No one will be allowed to congregate on the field or in the parking area after the ceremony.

Miscellaneous:

- 🐾 Concession stands will be open for purchase of water only
- 🐾 No outside food or drink is allowed in stadium
- 🐾 Programs are available as guests enter the stadium and each graduate will receive a copy when they pick up their diploma.
- 🐾 No strollers
- 🐾 No alcohol or tobacco products.
- 🐾 No weapons of any kind (knives, guns*, chains, etc.)
- 🐾 No electronic or vapor cigarettes
- 🐾 No unauthorized banners, signs, or flags
- 🐾 No balloons
- 🐾 No noisemakers, air horns, laser pointers, or fireworks
- 🐾 No roller blades or skate shoes
- 🐾 No animals other than service animals
- 🐾 No tripods

Dates to Remember!

- 🐾 May 17th Face to Face Seniors will turn in all technology.
- 🐾 May 26th Senior cap and gown pick up
 - Face to Face students will pick up during lunch
 - Virtual students will pick up on the bus drive 4:00pm – 7:00pm**Enter bus drive behind the south gym
- 🐾 May 27th Virtual Seniors will return technology 4:00pm – 7:00pm, North gym
- 🐾 June 1st All Seniors must be clear by June 1st to participate in graduation!!
- 🐾 June 1st Last chance to turn in technology (and all other items you owe to be cleared) 4:00pm – 7:00pm North gym
- 🐾 June 2nd Senior Cap & Gown Day (wear your gown to school)
Senior Decision Day
- 🐾 June 3rd **Graduation Ticket Pick up**
Face to Face Seniors: 8:00am – 10:15am by alpha announcement
Virtual Seniors: 1:30pm – 3:00pm Last Name A - L
3:00pm – 4:30pm Last Name M - Z

**Enter bus drive from the back of South gym. Have your ID ready.

- 🐾 June 4th **Graduation Day-** Students must be at Tully Stadium **by 7:00am**

🐾 Diploma Pick Up:

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 - Central office Registrar office
 - Social distancing will be enforced, masks must be worn at all times.
 - Must have a picture ID with you.

Graduation Ceremony Dress Code

- 🐾 Students are asked to dress comfortably. **Shorts are allowed. No jeans, no ties.**
- 🐾 **Ladies please do not wear any type of high heels**, you will be walking on turf which can be very difficult in high heels and these type of shoes can damage the turf. Comfortable shoes are encouraged.
- 🐾 As students enter the stadium they are asked to have their gowns open to pass through the security check point.
- 🐾 Sunscreen is advised
- 🐾 **Face Masks are required. Students may not decorate their caps or face masks.**

No balloons, posters, beach balls, air horns, laser pointers, masking tape to decorate caps or flowers are allowed at Tully Stadium. Please do not bring them into the stadium because they will be confiscated and will not be returned.

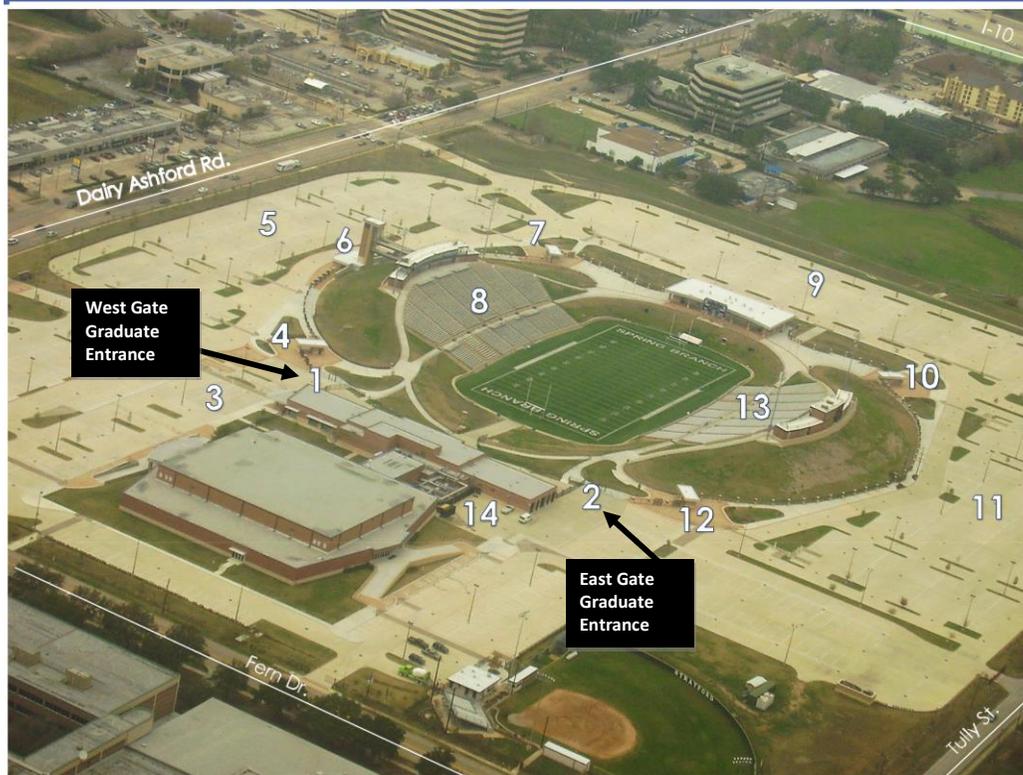
Graduation Location and Parking

- Parents and guests will have access to all of the parking areas except for VIP parking.
- Graduating seniors will enter the building through Entrance One of Two. In your packet you received your row and side that you will be sitting on. If you have been assigned to the West side please enter through Entrance One, if you have been assigned the East side please enter through Entrance Two by the field house.
- Spectators will enter West or East entrances to the stands. Please ask your graduate which side of the stadium they have been assigned.

Darrell Tully Stadium

1050 Dairy Ashford St, Houston, TX 77079

TULLY STADIUM MAP



West Side: (Dairy Ashford Rd.)

1. West Tarmac Gate Entrance for Graduates
3. Board Member / VIP Parking
4. Southwest Ticket Booth
5. West Side Parking
6. West Ticket Booth
7. Northwest Ticket Booth
8. West Side Seating
9. North End Parking

East Side: (Tully St.)

2. East Tarmac Entrance for Graduates
10. Northeast Ticket Booth
11. East Side Parking
12. Southeast Ticket Booth
13. East Side Seating
14. VIP Parking #2