

Austin Independent School District

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Associate Superintendent of High Schools



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Dear AISD Families of 2018 High School Graduates,

The 2018 commencement ceremonies are around the corner! The journey that our students started many years ago will culminate in a very special ceremony that recognizes their accomplishments and marks the start of their new beginning as they transition to college, careers, and life.

To ensure that the ceremonies are safe, all guests will be required to walk through a magnetometer as they enter the building. If the magnetometer alarms, that guest will need to be “wanded” (think airports and TSA). You can do your part to expedite this process by emptying your pockets of EVERYTHING – cell phones, keys, change and mint cans are the big offenders – before walking through the magnetometer. Air-horns and other noisemakers will set the magnetometers off as well. The policy at Frank Erwin Center for noisemakers is as follows: Noisemakers include air-horns, whistles, rattlers, cowbells or any other items that would prove to be a distraction to our guests and / or graduates...all noisemakers, including air-horns will be confiscated by the Frank Erwin staff.

Please expect delays, about 30% of people don't heed the advice and will have to be “wanded”, which will hold up and create long lines. Please plan in advance and arrive early.

In addition to magnetometers, the Clear Bag Policy (see other side), also adds to the security procedures in place to provide for the safety of our graduates, families, and friends.

Congratulations and please enjoy the graduation ceremonies.

Sincerely,

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Clear Bag Policy:

A clear bag policy is now in effect for all public ticketed events at the Frank Erwin Center. This is the same clear bag policy in effect for all Texas Athletics events.

FRANK ERWIN CENTER CLEAR BAG POLICY

APPROVED BAGS Effective for **ALL Frank Erwin Center public ticketed events** • uterwincenter.com/security

LARGE BAGS

ONE GALLON CLEAR RESEALABLE PLASTIC STORAGE BAG

OR

SMALL BAGS Small clutch bags or purses do not have to be clear but cannot exceed 4.5" x 6.5"

PROHIBITED BAGS

- Purses
- Diaper bags*
- Cases (camera, binocular, etc.)
- Backpacks
- Fanny packs
- Printed pattern plastic bags
- Reusable grocery totes
- Mesh or straw bags
- Duffle bags
- Large totes

* Items normally carried in a diaper bag must be put into a clear plastic bag for venue entry.

Approved bags include:

Bags that are clear plastic and do not exceed 12"x6"x12" - One-gallon clear resealable plastic storage bags - Small clutch bags or purses do not have to be clear but cannot exceed 4.5"x6.5"

Prohibited bags include:

Purses - Diaper bags - Cases (camera, binocular, etc.) – Backpacks - Fanny packs - Printed pattern plastic bags - Reusable grocery totes - Mesh or straw bags - Duffle bags - Large totes