

Sidney Lanier High School

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Dear Lanier Parents:

Your student is a potential candidate for the graduation that will be held on Thursday May 31, 2018 at 4 p.m. at the Frank Erwin Center. **Students that are graduating are required to be at the Frank Erwin Center in the Longhorn Room by 3 p.m.** Below is a few items that you will need to beware of.

Frank Erwin Center Safety Procedures:

The Frank Erwin Center has implemented a few new safety procedures that we feel it is important all students and families will be aware of prior to the ceremony. Since much of the information is new, we have invited a representative from the Frank Erwin Center to hold an informational **parent meeting the evening of Thursday May 10th from 5-6 p.m. in the**Lanier Theater. If you are unable to attend you can reference the list of items not allowed on the back of this page or go to the Frank Erwin Center's website at www.uterwincenter.com

Parking:

AISD strongly encourages all families and friends to <u>use the district's free shuttles</u> to get to and from your graduate's ceremony. Shuttle information is attached to this letter. It is important that you plan on arriving early and be prepared to be re-routed by the Austin Police Department at several intersections. For those who decide to drive, the closest parking options are Lot 108 just south of the Erwin Center and Lot 118 at the intersection of the southbound I-35 feeder road and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, just north of the building. These lots can ONLY be entered from the southbound feeder road of I-35 and fill up quickly early in the day. A \$12 fee will be charged to park here. *Important note—Follow the directions of the ushers in neon green shirts or vests once you exit these garages. They are directing guests to the Erwin Center via the shortest distance*.

Meeting your family and friends before the ceremony

If you arrive in cars and you wish to meet the rest of your party or your friends, the best place to do this is at the Bevo statue on the north side of the building. This is the easiest location to describe and see. It's also the absolute best photo opportunity on the property.

Items not allowed in the building:

Expect to have any purse or handbag visually inspected at the doors. Anyone refusing this policy will not be allowed into the building. We restrict entry to the items below. Please refrain from attempting to bring these things into the Erwin Center.

- Backpacks, knapsacks, large purses
- Food or beverages
- Banners, flags, signs larger than 8.5 in. x 11 in, balloons
- Noisemakers, including air horns, whistles, rattlers, cowbells or any other item that could be a
 distraction to our guests and graduates
- Smoking
- Fireworks and/or weapons
- Baby strollers and wheelchairs are allowed, but cannot be left unattended inside the seating area. Unattended strollers and wheelchairs must be left at the entrances to the building.



Meeting after the ceremony

All graduates will exit the building through the Red River Street doors after the ceremony. We ask that you move outside as quickly as possible to meet your graduate so we can begin to prepare for the next ceremony. Graduates will not be allowed back inside once they leave through the Red River doors.