

Austin Independent School District



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Associate Superintendent of High Schools

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Dear AISD Families of 2017 High School Graduates,

The 2017 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.

The commencement exercises will take place at the Frank Erwin Center on the UT campus (1701 Red River St. Austin, TX 78701). Recently, there has been construction around the Erwin Center as they prepare for the opening of the new Dell Medical School. Due to the construction around the area, we anticipate that there will be traffic congestion and limited parking spaces. In order to alleviate traffic and parking issues, we have developed a transportation plan that will allow our students and families to ride a shuttle bus to the Frank Erwin Center. The shuttle buses will start running three hours before each graduation at a location near your child's high school campus (see table below). **This service will be free to AISD families.** We strongly encourage you to use this service as it will eliminate parking issues, decrease traffic congestion, and allow you to be dropped off at the entrance of the Frank Erwin Center.

Date and Time	School	Shuttle Location	Pick-up Time
May 31 – 11AM	Eastside	Eastside HS	8:00 AM to 10:00 AM
May 31 – 4:30 PM	Reagan	Nelson Stadium	1:30 PM to 3:30 PM
June 1 – 10AM	McCallum	Nelson Stadium	7:00 AM to 9:00 AM
June 1 – 1 PM	Travis/Travis GPA	Travis HS	10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
June 1 – 4 PM	Crockett	Burger Stadium	1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
June 1 – 7 PM	Bowie	Austin HS	4:00 PM to 6:00 PM
June 2 – 10AM	LBJ	Delco Center	7:00 AM to 9:00 AM
June 2 – 10AM	LASA	Burger Stadium	7:00 AM to 9:00 AM
June 2 – 1PM	Anderson	Anderson HS	10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
June 2 – 4 PM	Lanier/Lanier GPA	Nelson Stadium	1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
June 2 – 7 PM	Austin	Austin HS	4:00 PM to 6:00 PM
June 3 – 9:00 AM	Akins	Akins HS	6:00 AM to 8:00 AM
At the conclusion of each commencement ceremony, school buses will be returning guests to their respective shuttle locations.			

You will also receive a letter from your child's school with the following specific information: 1) parking at the Frank Erwin Center; 2) places to meet your party; 3) entering the building; 4) items you can't bring into the building; and 5) where to meet your graduate after the ceremony. In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding the Frank Erwin Center, please contact Buzz Huber at (512) 748-4911 or buzz@utexas.edu. You can also visit our website, <http://www.austinisd.org/graduation>, for more detailed information.

Sincerely,

Craig Shapiro