

Graduation LIVE STREAMING:

Every graduation ceremony hosted at C.H. Collins Athletic Complex will be streamed live from the venue. Please visit <https://graduation2021.ouronlineevent.com/> for more information.

Gainesville HS: <https://graduation2021.ouronlineevent.com/gainesville/>

Ponder HS: <https://graduation2021.ouronlineevent.com/ponder/>

Aubrey HS: <https://graduation2021.ouronlineevent.com/aubrey/>

Ryan HS: <https://graduation2021.ouronlineevent.com/ryan/>

Fred Moore HS: <https://graduation2021.ouronlineevent.com/fred-moore/>

Braswell HS: <https://graduation2021.ouronlineevent.com/braswell/>

Guyer HS: <https://graduation2021.ouronlineevent.com/guyer/>

Denton HS: <https://graduation2021.ouronlineevent.com/denton/>

Parking/Seating at C.H. Collins Athletics Complex:

- It is recommended family/guests park and be seated in the stands on the same side where their graduate will be seated on the field (Visitor - East or Home - West)
- *We are asking our senior families to please attempt to limit their guests to no more than ten, so that we can practice social distancing protocols during our graduation ceremonies. If a family may have more than ten guests, we are asking that they work through the associate principal at their respective high school for accommodations. We are asking that our families practice ‘pod’ seating in the stands; sitting as a pod with their family and guests while socially distanced from other family pods.*
- POD seating of family/guests will be expected
- Guests are expected to wear masks while in the stadium
- Family/Guests will NOT be allowed to enter the graduate staging area or the field before, during, or after the graduation ceremony.

Ryan HS 5/26/2021	Fred Moore HS 5/27/2021	Braswell HS 5/27/2021	Guyer HS 5/28/2021	Denton HS 5/28/2021
Graduate arrival: 6 p.m.	Graduate arrival: 9 a.m.	Graduate arrival: 6 p.m.	Graduate arrival: 8 a.m.	Graduate arrival: 6 p.m.
Ceremony: 7 p.m.	Ceremony: 10 a.m.	Ceremony: 7 p.m.	Ceremony: 9 a.m.	Ceremony: 7 p.m.

Graduate Staging Area:

- Signage will be posted with a list of signs and symptoms for the purpose of screening staff and graduates. Staff and graduates will be asked if they have had any of those symptoms. If NO, they may proceed. If YES, they will not be allowed to enter the venue. On site nurses/staff may further assess individuals responding YES to any of the signs and symptoms of the screening protocols. Reference **Health Screening** guidelines below.
- All employees, graduates, and other volunteers will be required to wear cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth), except when photos are taken, before, during, and after each ceremony.
 - Cloth masks will be provided to each graduate, faculty, and volunteers upon entering the graduate staging area.
 - Masks may ONLY be removed when the graduate is walking across the stage to retrieve their diploma and within the photographer’s tent.
 - Masks must be placed on the face prior to the graduate returning to their seat during the ceremony.

Security Screening:

- Graduates advancing through the health screening will proceed to the security and metal detector check point, which will be operated by our Student Resource Officers.
- Prohibited items (listed below, but not limited to these) may result in the graduate being escorted from the graduation venue.
- Graduates will walk through a metal detector prior to entering the staging area.
- Graduates advancing through the security screening will be directed to the graduate staging area.
 - Staff and graduates are to maintain 3 feet of social distance at all times.
 - Staff and graduates are to wear face masks at all times before, during, and after the ceremony and until they exit the venue.
- Graduates will be directed to their specific staging area, which will be monitored and supervised by faculty and staff at all times.
 - Supervising staff will provide graduates with photography cards/name cards for the ceremony.
 - Supervising staff will ensure appropriate pronunciation of graduates’ names to share with MCs.
 - Supervising staff will monitor communicated health guidelines, social distancing, and face mask requirements.
 - At the assigned time, supervising staff will have graduates line up accordingly and escort the graduates to the graduation seating area on the track.

Prohibited Items:

- Graduates will not be allowed to bring any personal items from their vehicle to the graduate staging area.
 - Graduates may only bring medically necessary items that can be held in their hands throughout the ceremony.
 - There will be no area to store personal items for graduates before, during, and/or after the ceremony.
 - Denton ISD and staff are not responsible for lost, stolen, or confiscated items.
- No firearms, knives, explosives or other weapons.
- No cans, coolers and other containers except in cases of medical need, as certified by a physician.
- No artificial noisemakers, air horns or megaphones may be used.

Cell Phone Policy:

- Graduates are prohibited from bringing cell phones into the graduation venue. Cell phones should be left in the graduate’s vehicle in the assigned graduate parking area. Cell phones will be confiscated and graduates will have to coordinate an appointment to retrieve cell phones in the days following graduation. School offices will not reopen until Tuesday, June 1, 2021.

Health Screening:

- Prior to participating, individuals must be screened (via questioning) by school system employees for any of the following signs or symptoms of possible 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
 - Temperature of 100 degrees fahrenheit or greater
 - Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19 exposure occurred within the last 14 days.

Those found with any of these signs or symptoms must be excluded from the activity.

Attire for Graduates:

Graduates are highly encouraged to dress appropriately for summer weather. All clothing must be appropriate and compliant with school dress code.

- Male graduates should dress in sports casual with appropriate footwear.
 - Sports casual includes a short-sleeve button-down or a polo shirt, paired with khakis pants or **dress** shorts.

- No tennis shoes or flip flops allowed.
- No denim allowed.
- Female graduates should wear a summer dress, jumpsuit, or similar clothing.
 - A flat sandal or other appropriate footwear for walking is suggested
 - **HEELS ARE NOT RECOMMENDED**
 - No tennis shoes or flip flops allowed.
 - No denim allowed.

Health and Safety Protocols:

- Hand sanitizer or hand washing stations will be available at all venue entrances.
- All employees, graduates, and other volunteers will be required to wear cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth), except when photos are taken, before, during, and after each ceremony.
 - Cloth masks will be provided to each graduate, faculty, and volunteer upon entering the graduate staging area.
- EVERYONE must maintain safe social distancing of 3 ft. at all times. School employees must be stationed appropriately to ensure compliance with all requirements and to limit congregating.
- Diplomas or other documents may not be handed from person to person unless masks are worn at all times.
- Care should be taken and every effort made to mitigate virus exposure when participants come into contact with documents and other objects such as diplomas and awards. Faculty, staff and graduates must be wearing masks at all times. Cleaning wipes/materials will be available to wipe down tables as necessary.
- Communication plans must be in place to address steps to be taken before, during, and after the ceremony to ensure participants and their families are aware of safety protocols throughout the ceremony.

Recommendations for Parking and Seating:

- Suggest graduates' guests park and be seated on the same side where their graduate will be seated on the field (Visitor - East or Home - West)
 - Allows graduate's guests to have the best view of the graduate and the ceremony
- **East Side (Visitor Side) Parking Directions:**
 - Guests traveling on Loop 288 should exit Sherman Dr./428 and head north
 - Turn left onto Long Rd. off Sherman Dr./428
 - Pass the Denton Natatorium/Water Works Park and enter the first entrance on the east side (visitor side) of the stadium
 - Park and be seated on the east side of the stadium (visitor side)
 - Graduates who will be seated on the east side (visitor side)
 - of the field may follow the same directions

- It is recommended graduates arrive no earlier than one hour prior to the ceremony start time and park closest to Long Rd., which will afford the best access to the graduate staging area
- **West Side (Home Side) Parking Directions:**
- Ideally, guests would travel west on Loop 288 and turn north on Stuart Rd.
 - Note: There is no exit ramp to Stuart Rd.
- From the westbound frontage road off 288, turn right onto Stuart Rd. and take the first right onto Long Rd.
 - Pass Gonzalez School for Young Children
 - Pass the Advanced Technology Complex, but turn into the stadium at the marquee sign for the Advanced Technology Complex, which is located on the west side (home side) of the stadium
- Park and be seated on the west side(home side) of the stadium (press box side)
- Graduates who will be seated on the west side (home side) of the field may follow the same directions
 - It is recommended graduates arrive no earlier than one hour prior to the ceremony start time and park closest to Long Rd., which will afford the best access to the graduate staging area

During the Ceremony:

- At the designated time, graduates will proceed to the graduation ‘stage’ to receive their diploma when recognized by name.
- Staff will be stationed appropriately to ensure proper social distancing.
 - Stage guests will be required to wear their masks throughout the ceremony.
 - Stage guests and graduates will not shake hands, hug, or make any physical contact, but are encouraged to exhibit their congratulations to each graduate as they cross the ‘stage!’
 - Graduates will cross the stage to receive their diploma.
- Graduates will proceed to side tables to obtain additional materials to be distributed by staff.
 - Staff will be required to wear face masks at all times.
 - Staff and graduates must avoid contact when exchanging items.
- Graduates will proceed to the photography tent for graduation photos.
 - Graduates may remove face masks for photos ONLY.
 - Graduates must replace face masks prior to moving back to their seats.
 - Photographers and assistants must wear face masks at all times.

After the Ceremony:

- Graduates will remain at their seat until escorted by staff in an organized manner off of the field.
 - Staff and graduates will maintain proper social distance with face masks on throughout departure.
 - Graduates will be escorted directly to the graduate parking area where they will enter their vehicles and begin their departure.

- Staff will remain stationed throughout the venue and in the parking area until graduates have exited the parking lot.
- Graduates will not be allowed to congregate in any area of the venue before, during, or after the ceremony.

Local Celebration Options for Families:

Visit the website for Discover Denton <https://www.discoverdenton.com/highschool-graduation-weekend/>