

Senior Information You Can Use

East Career & Technical Academy

2018 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY



Wednesday
May 30, 2018
3:00 PM

THE ORLEANS
ARENA

Important Dates for Seniors

April 14	Prom.....	Canyon Gate.....	7:00 -10:00 PM
May 2	Senior Awards Night	Banquet Hall (Invitation Only).....	6:00 - 7:30 PM
May 8	Yearbook Signing Party	Cafeteria (Ticket Only).....	12:30 PM
May 11	Senior Sunset	Field.....	5:00 PM
May 18	Grad Walk.....	Gym	
May 18	Graduation Practice	Field.....	7:00 AM
May 18	Senior Final Exams Begin		
May 19	Senior Trip to Disneyland		2:30 AM

Congratulations!



Your child will soon be completing his/her career at East Career & Technical Academy. We are preparing for the Commencement Ceremony and want to keep you **informed**.

DIPLOMA DISTRIBUTION

During the ceremony, students will receive a diploma cover. The actual diploma will be distributed immediately following the ceremony in The Orleans Arena ballrooms.

Seniors must show their cap with their name written inside in order to receive their diploma.

It is the philosophy of the Clark County School District that high school commencement ceremonies are designed to honor seniors with commencement activities that are solemn and dignified. For this reason, we respectfully request spectators and graduates to act accordingly.

Seniors will need to report one hour before the ceremony. They will enter the facility through the back (north) of the arena. Spectators should plan to arrive 30 minutes before the ceremony and leave promptly after the ceremony. The duration will be approximately about 1 hour and 30 minutes. Spectators should enter through the main doors.

ONLY GRADUATES WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THROUGH THE NORTH ENTRANCE.

SENIOR FINES

Students are required to pay all fines before senior check out. Fines should be paid at the school bank – cash, check, or money order accepted.

INTERPRETING SERVICES

Parents, friends, or graduating seniors who are deaf or hard of hearing and in need of interpreting services for the commencement ceremonies are asked to make requests for interpreter services through the East Tech Activities Office at 799-8888 Ext 4202.



HANDICAPPED SEATING

Wheelchair/ handicapped seating will be available. Only one escort may accompany a spectator requiring special seating. Please see an usher or security guard for directions to special seating.

CAPS & GOWNS

If you will like to order your caps & gowns or have any questions or concerns please call Herff/ Jones at 702-396-4723. The cost is \$45.00 for the rental of the gown, \$10.00 for the cap and \$10.95 for the tassel.

Senior Check Out Cards must be completed and all fees and fines must be paid before the gowns will be issued.

REHEARSAL

There will be a **MANDATORY** rehearsal on the East Tech field on Friday, May 18th. Seniors will need to report to the field area by 7:00 AM.

Students who do not participate in the rehearsal will **NOT** be permitted to participate in the ceremony.

TICKETS

Admission to the Commencement Ceremony is by ticket **ONLY**. Seniors will receive **six (6)** tickets.

ADDITIONAL TICKETS MAY BE REQUESTED AND PICKED-UP BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN.



Graduation Attire & Behavior

DRESS CODE

The following graduation **dress code** will be strictly enforced. Students in violation of the dress code will not be permitted to participate in the ceremony.

Girls - Dress/skirt or dress pants and dress shoes. **No flip flops or tennis shoes. Dress shoes only.**

Boys - Dress pants, light-colored dress shirt with collar, tie is preferred, and dress shoes. **No flip flops or tennis shoes. Dress shoes only.**

No jewels or decorations on caps or gowns. No leis, stoles, or cords or medals other than those issued by East Tech or earned in a CTSO competition.

Do not bring purses, bags, or backpacks to the ceremony. It is NOT appropriate to carry handbags during the ceremony and there is no storage available at The Orleans Arena.

STUDENT BEHAVIOR

Students who do not exhibit appropriate behavior before and during the ceremony will be immediately removed from the ceremony by school personnel.



Because the throwing of caps presents a serious safety hazard, it is **NOT** allowed. Students will need to show their caps to pick up their diplomas.

Inappropriate behavior would include, but is not be limited to, drug or alcohol use, inappropriate language, inappropriate stage behavior, possession and use of nuisance items, and violation of dress code.

The diploma of any student removed will be withheld pending an appointment with the principal.

GUEST BEHAVIOR

In the interest of a memorable, dignified occasion for both participants and spectators, we request the following socially acceptable commencement ceremony etiquette:

Listen politely to speakers.

Cheering and other noises make it difficult to hear the graduates' names as they are read. Please refrain from catcalls, whistles, and other verbal noises.

BALLOONS, AIR HORNS, NOISEMAKERS, BEACH BALLS, AND OTHER NUISANCE ITEMS ARE NOT APPROPRIATE AND ARE PROHIBITED. THESE ITEMS WILL BE CONFISCATED

SPECTATORS NOT FOLLOWING THE RULES WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE AUDIENCE.

Parking at The Orleans Arena

There is no charge for parking at The Orleans Arena.



- The parking garage at **The Orleans Arena** will serve as the primary parking facility for guests and seniors. Additional parking is accessible from Arville Street.
- Do not park in the front casino parking area.
- Workers from The Orleans Arena will be on site to direct traffic to appropriate lots.

Seniors will be exiting the building from the rear of the arena, so you'll want to park in the most convenient area. **GIRLS** will be seated on the west side of the arena and exit from the west doors. **BOYS** will be seated on the east side of the arena and exit from the east doors.

Cameras, cell phones, and iPods are not allowed on the stage or the main floor at The Orleans Arena. Video cameras, as well as other types of cameras, are allowed in the regular seating area; however, no power source is available.



East Tech has contracted with Grad Images to take pictures of each student during the ceremony. A small proof of the picture will be mailed to each student with the option of purchasing the prints.

Answers To Frequently Asked Questions

Do graduates need tickets?

No. Your cap and gown admits you to the commencement ceremony through the north side of the building.

Are parents allowed in the line up area?

No. There are approximately 500 students participating in the commencement ceremony and there will be no room to accommodate additional people.

What if I am late to the ceremony?

There will be a person backstage to assist you. We will do our best to get you into the ceremony.

Are photographers allowed near the stage or in the area where the graduates are seated?

No. We suggest that family photographs be taken before or after the ceremony. Professional photographers will take a photo of each graduate as he/she receives the diploma cover on stage.

Do I turn in my cap and gown?

Cap is yours to keep. Gown needs to be returned to Herff/Jones right after the ceremony.

When do I receive my diploma?

Immediately following the ceremony. You must present your cap **with your name on it** to receive your diploma, so don't throw it during the ceremony. **No Cap - No Diploma.**

