Dear Students and Parents:

Congratulations, it is difficult to believe that the journey is coming to an end. All of the years of hard work and dedication will be celebrated during the 2023 Spring ISD Summer Graduation Ceremony. The event will be held Saturday, August 05, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Star Theatre at Dekaney High School – 22351 Imperial Valley Dr., Houston, Texas, 77073. As parents and graduates, I know you are very proud and eager for the important information regarding the graduation ceremony. This letter includes some important details. If you should have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact the graduation coordinator for your respective campus:

TAtlee@springisd.org - Tarreka Atlee, phone number (281) 891-6008 Dekaney HS
SRodgers@springisd.org - Stacy Rodgers, phone number (281) 891-6894 Momentum HS
TDuncan@springisd.org - Terrence Allen Duncan, phone number (281) 891-7016 Spring HS
KSalinas@springisd.org - Kristen Guidry, phone number (281) 891-6883 Spring Early College
Cleday@springisd.org - Corey LeDay, phone number (281) 891-7427 Westfield HS
AAhmad@springisd.org - Aresha Ahmad, phone number (281) 891-7675 Wunsche HS

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to participate in the graduation ceremony, senior students must:

- Have earned sufficient credits and have passed the state mandated exit level test or be eligible for graduation on the basis of an ARD decision;
- Be in compliance with the Student Code of Conduct and be in good standing, according to the requirements of this code;
- Have met all financial commitments to the school.

COUNSELOR’S CORNER

A counselor will call you by Monday July, 31, 2023, if your child will not be participating in graduation due to class failure(s). If there are graduation issues due to final exams, parents will be notified, IMMEDIATELY. If you have any questions concerning a grade in a class, contact the appropriate teacher IMMEDIATELY. Please notify the counselor and teacher(s) if your work or home phone number has changed.

- If your child is taking an off-campus course (correspondence, HLA, HCC, commercial PE, etc.) we must have the grade by July 31, 2023.
- Questions regarding attendance should be directed to your student’s principal.

SCHOOL FINANCIAL HOLDS

District policy states that students must clear all financial debts before they can be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.

- Textbooks, library fines, fees and holds should be cleared no later than July 31, 2023.

GRADUATION ARRIVAL TIMES

Seniors should arrive for the graduation at 7:30 a.m. Everyone is expected to be seated five minutes prior to the start of the ceremony. All graduates will be searched prior to being seated in the staging area. Student gowns mus:
be unzipped and open as they enter the seating area. Please note: students are not allowed to have any items in their hands. Additionally, parents are not allowed to be in the pre-graduation hallway.

**GRADUATION PARKING AND ENTRY INFORMATION**

![Diagram of parking and entry information]

**Bammel Road Entrance** — To be used by parents, guest, and students for graduation.

**GRADUATION PARKING**

Guests should plan to arrive early to locate the parking area and secure their seats at the venue. Parents and guests should arrive **forty-five minutes before graduation**. Please leave miscellaneous items such as balloons, flowers, food, signs, posters, cowbells, air horns, and noisemakers at home/or in vehicle as they are not allowed.

- **Handicapped Parking**: Handicapped parking is the first set of parking spaces adjacent to the school. To park in the handicapped parking area, guests must have an official handicap license plate or hanging tag.
- **Drop-Off Area**: The main entrance will be the designated drop-off area for those who have guests that cannot walk the distance from the parking lot. After dropping off the person(s), cars will be directed to designated parking areas.

**STUDENT ATTIRE**

Since the graduation is a formal ceremony, we expect students to dress in the following manner:

- **FEMALE STUDENTS** are expected to wear dresses or dress slacks under their graduation gowns. Shorts or jeans are not permitted. Dress shoes should be worn; tennis shoes and flip flops are not permitted.
- **MALE STUDENTS** are expected to wear dark colored dress slacks, a light-colored dress shirt and tie. Shorts or jeans are not permitted. Dress shoes should be worn; tennis shoes and flip flops are not permitted.
- Hats, sunglasses, cell phones, purses, balloons, and flowers will not be allowed. Please leave these items with others not participating in the ceremony. If these items are found they will be confiscated.
- There will be no decorations added to the graduation caps and gowns.
- All district and school grooming code policies will be enforced.
GRADUATION CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOR

We take pride in dignified graduation programs and our goal is to continue that reputation with the Class of 2023. Graduates and guests should be aware that the expectation is for the ceremony to be decent and respectful.

- As noted earlier: please leave miscellaneous items such as balloons, flowers, food, signs, posters, cowbells, air horns, and noisemakers at home as they are not allowed in the facility. Items will be confiscated by the Spring ISD Staff or Police Officers at the entrance gates. Bags and purses may be checked.

SENIOR GRADUATION MEDIA

Photos – Photographers will take two pictures of the graduates as they walk across the stage. Students will receive information about the opportunity to purchase the pictures from the photography company. Guests may take pictures from their seats but will not be allowed into the aisles or stage areas. www.phototexasphotography.com

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Please indicate if you do not give consent to allow your student to be part of the media release; if a media release is not provided be advised your student will not be on television, in the commemorative DVD, or in the alpha order of their graduating class.
- Advise if you have special accommodations i.e., hearing impaired, handicapped, or any other considerations.

This is a very exciting time for our students. We would like for every student to have the opportunity to participate in the graduation ceremony on August 5, 2023. Good luck and best wishes!

Sincerely,

Dr. Efrain Olivo, Jr.
Superintendent of Student Support Services

Every Student – Every Teacher – Every Day!