



Vista Ridge High School

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Dear Seniors and Parents/Guardians,

The time is quickly approaching to graduate the Vista Ridge High School Class of 2017. Graduation is an exciting and important event for our seniors and their families. Our goal every year is to have a well-organized and dignified ceremony to honor our seniors.

To give you information in advance, I have included important details about this event below. I hope you will find this information helpful and will refer to it as we get closer to graduation.

When: Saturday, June 3, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

Doors will open for VRHS graduation guests at 7:00 a.m.

Where: HEB Center

2100 Avenue of the Stars

Cedar Park, TX 78613

Located at U.S. 183A and New Hope Road in Cedar Park

Parking:

Parking fee will be \$5.00 per vehicle. Larger vehicles, such as motor homes, will be charged a fee of \$30.00 per vehicle. Valet Parking is available for \$10.00. Handicapped parking spaces are in Lots B, G, and F. Please visit vrhs.leanderisd.org for detailed information.

Student

Transportation:

All students will ride the bus from Vista Ridge High School

to the HEB Center. Students should arrive at VRHS by 5:45 a.m. and report to the competition gymnasium, please enter the mall area through the doors closest to student parking and the oak tree, NOT the courtyard. After graduation students may ride home with family and/or friends.

Student

Dress:

We want our students to have the best possible appearance at this very important event.

Girls are expected to wear a dress or long pants and a blouse under their graduation gown. No jeans.

Boys are expected to wear long pants, collared shirts, **and a tie** under their graduation gown. No jeans.

Students should wear appropriate footwear and **avoid sandals, flip flops, work boots and athletic shoes.** Boys should wear socks with their shoes. Facial hair should be in accordance with the student handbook.

- What To Bring:** Students are responsible for bringing their caps and gowns with them the morning of graduation along with any honor cords or medals awarded by Vista Ridge High School or Leander ISD. Girls may bring a small purse if necessary; however, purses will be collected and locked in the holding room during the graduation ceremony. After the graduation ceremony purses will be returned. Electronic devices and other personal belongings should not be brought to school.
- Cedar Park Center Security:** Every person who enters the HEB Center, including graduates will go through a metal detector. The HEB Center will also conduct bag checks on all individuals entering the facility. Please anticipate delays, leaving all unnecessary items at home will expedite this process.
- SPECIAL NOTE:** Cell phones, beach balls, or any other distracting items should not be brought to graduation. Students who violate this rule run the risk of not “walking” at graduation.
- Seating:** Seating for family and friends is on a first come, first served basis. The HEB Center will begin seating spectators at 7:00 a.m.
- Meeting After The Ceremony:** After the ceremony, graduates will recess with their fellow graduates to a designated area to pick up their diplomas and any personal belongings being held. Graduates will then be free to leave with family and/or friends.
- What Should Parents Bring:** Parents, family, and friends may bring cameras and video devices. We have arranged for a photographer and videographer to be present during the ceremony. Brochures will be available if you desire to purchase pictures, a video of the ceremony will be made available for online viewing. In keeping with our desire to have a dignified ceremony, we ask that you please do not bring signs, banners, balloons, air horns, or other noisemakers.
- Graduation Practice:** Practice for graduation is mandatory and will take place on Thursday, June 1, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Vista Ridge High School competition gym. Finals for seniors begin on Thursday, May 25th and conclude on Wednesday, May 31st.
- Senior Awards:** This special event will be held on Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Vista Ridge High School Gymnasium. This is an opportunity to recognize the many achievements of our seniors. Parents of seniors receiving an award at this event will receive an invitation in the mail. If you receive an invitation in the mail, please plan on being in attendance to celebrate your student’s accomplishments.

**Project
Graduation:**

This important drug and alcohol free event will be on Saturday, June 3, 2017 at Vista Ridge High School. This event is for the 2017 Graduating Class of Vista Ridge and their invited guests only (guests will cost \$75.00). Students are to check in for this event at the VRHS cafeteria between 10:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. Project Graduation will end at 6:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 4, 2017. This fun event is sponsored by the senior parents and will provide free games, food, and prizes. We hope all seniors will choose to attend this drug and alcohol free event as a way to celebrate their important achievement. Early Registration is in process now and will close May 17th. Anyone registering after May 17th will incur a \$30.00 late registration fee to attend the event. Registration forms are available on the Project Graduation website or in the Assistant Principal office of VRHS. You may turn in your completed Attendance Contract, including parent signature, to the Assistant Principal Office by May 17th. If you have any additional questions regarding Project Graduation, please go to our website www.vrhsprojectgrad.com.

I hope this letter answers your questions regarding graduation. We are working hard to ensure that our students, families, and friends have the "World's Greatest" graduation.

If you have further questions, you may contact my Administrative Assistant, Shannon Wedlund, at 570-1811.

Sincerely,

Paul Johnson
Principal
Vista Ridge High School