



April 19, 2022

Dear Senior Parent or Guardian:

As we approach graduation, we want to thank you for your support and cooperation during your child's years at McKinney Boyd High School. We hope that your child's public school educational experience has been a positive time for everyone. In that regard, we are asking for your support and cooperation to ensure that we have a graduation ceremony of which we can all be proud.

We believe our seniors will conduct themselves in a proper manner during the graduation ceremony and will advise them of our expectations for behavior and dress during the upcoming senior meeting. We will address any questions students may have and review the guidelines on the student contract printed on the back of this letter. We would also appreciate your support of these expectations.

To ensure cooperation from the audience and to reinforce the expectation for behavior of the graduates, we will follow the procedures listed below in order to provide an atmosphere of dignity and honor:

- 1. No student cell phones will be allowed on the premises. Students will pass through a security check entrance and be asked to return any phones to the car or a parent outside.**
- 2. Identified disruptive students will be removed from the ceremony immediately.**
- 3. Spectators identified as causing crowd disruptions will be removed from the Credit Union of Texas Event Center (formally known as the Allen Event Center).**
- 4. Spectators with air horns will be removed from the arena immediately.**
- 5. Major disruptions will halt the ceremony until order can be restored.**
- 6. Continual disruptions may result in the termination of the ceremony.**
- 7. To be eligible for graduation tickets, your student must have all items returned and fines paid. Tickets will be handed out at our MANDATORY rehearsal on Friday, 5/20/22.**

Graduation is the highlight of your child's public-school education. We want this ceremony to be special for you and your family, and we will do everything possible to make it a positive experience for everyone.

Students will not be released into the concourse area following the ceremony, **they will be released outside the Event Center**. Family members will be required to head outside **within 20 minutes** after the graduation ceremony ends and can meet their students then. Students will not be allowed back inside the venue once they have left the premises. Please leave the parking area as soon as you can to make room for the McKinney High Graduation following right after ours. This will help to alleviate a traffic jam getting in **and out** of the parking lot.

The doors to the venue will open at 12:00pm, one hour before the ceremony begins. The following items are not allowed inside the venue: balloons, glass vases, noise makers, signs, camera tripods, outside food and beverage, and weapons of any kind including knives. Strollers are allowed inside the venue, but not in the seating area (they can be checked in at the concierge desk).

ADA wheelchair accessible seating is available on the main floor.

We sincerely appreciate your cooperation in these matters.

Respectfully,

Dr. Jennifer K. Peirson, Principal