

Graduation FAQ - BUHS

When and Where is Graduation? Commencement exercises for the Class of 2021 will be held at the Goodyear Ballpark at 8:00 pm on May 20, 2021. Seniors should arrive at the ballpark at 7:00 pm.

The gown did not come to my house when I order it online, is it going to come to my house? Senior cap and gowns were delivered to the school, and we handed them out on March 24. They are still available for pick-up in the front office before/after school or lunches.

Will Learning Center students have to go to the school campus to take finals? No, Learning Center students will not attend during finals. They will complete their classes through the online Edgenuity system.

Several questions regarding the 5-ticket limit – we will try to address all questions in this response. Currently, the ballpark has a limit of 5 tickets per graduate. We will be working with them on the logistics of distribution as they provide us with the tickets. Once we have tickets, we will organize a distribution of 5 tickets each for the graduates that have indicated they will be attending the in-person graduation. Once that is complete, we will develop a plan of how we can fairly distribute the remaining tickets, hopefully prior to graduation if time allows. If the ballpark adjusts this limit at any time between now and graduation, we will communicate that immediately. We will encourage any graduates that do not need all their allocated tickets to gift them back to be distributed to other graduates that may have larger families. We are also working on a live streaming option of the graduation ceremony for any family that is not able to attend. Please plan for the 5 tickets and adjust from there if we can gift more tickets from those students not attending.

Do we turn in the commencement participation agreement by email? This document can be returned to Hazel.Ellis@buhisd.org via email; you can print and have your student turn in with Hazel Ellis in the office, or parents can drop it off at the front desk.

What if I have not ordered my cap and gown because of a misunderstanding with Jostens? In the Senior Information document that was shared with seniors and their parents, there is contact information for Jostens. Please contact them directly if you have any issues with ordering cap and gown.

Is attending the graduation event mandatory? It is within my best interest for family and health reason for us not to attend and be put at risk of attaining covid. It is not mandatory to attend graduation ceremony. In the Senior Information packet, it states the date and times that diplomas can be picked up from the front office if you do not attend.

Will we walk or will the graduation be set up like Class of 2020? Will we have a chance walk at graduation? Great news!! We just found out that we will have a stage at the ballpark and that students will be allowed to walk across the stage! Six feet social distancing will continue to be enforced throughout the ceremony – with chairs being spaced out and students waiting in line having space between them.

How many baby photos do we submit? Please only turn in one baby photo – email it to buh21gradphotos@gmail.com

Will we be able to take banners, flowers, posters to the ballpark? Blown up pictures with our students face? Students cannot have anything on the field with them except their phones if they would like. Girls are discouraged from purses as they will not be able to take them on the field with them. Please leave them with parents, in car, or at home. Parents in the stand are not allowed to have balloons, streamers, silly string, or noise makers. They are allowed to have flowers, banners, or posters for their graduate. Please be cognizant of blocking other families from seeing their graduate and only hold them up during your student's name being called!

For the finals do we have to be in person to take them or can we take them online like last semester? If you are in person, you would take your finals in person. If you are distance learning, you would work with your teachers just like last semester to take them through the computer. Please note that you will still need to come to the school at the end of finals time to turn in your laptop. IT will contact the graduates once the reimaging of laptops will take place for them to pick them back up.

How will students who are doing Option B deal with turning in computers. This process will be the same as our distance learners. You will need to come to campus directly after finals on the 18th to turn in your laptop.

Laptop turn-in?? More information to come from Mr. Contreras and our IT department.