



Commencement 2021 FAQ

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This year's ceremony will be held at Springdale Station in East Austin at 7:30 p.m. with doors opening at 7:00 p.m.

Springdale Station is set up to accommodate our event rain or shine with physical distancing considerations in place. This intimate location will allow students to celebrate their graduation with immediate families and the staff members who have guided throughout their time at Headwaters. We will also livestream the event so that extended family and community members from Austin and beyond can share in the celebration.

Safety reminder for a socially distanced event: We expect all guests and staff members to follow common sense social distancing and to wear a mask while at Springdale Station. Please be aware and respectful of personal space bubbles and maintain six feet of distance at all times.

A big thank you to Moya McIntyre, Owner of Springdale Station, for the generous use of Springdale Station.

What is the date and time of the event?

The event is on Friday, May 28 and will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. We expect the event to go until 9 p.m.

Please note that we will be running a final sound check from 6-7 p.m, so the doors to the indoor seating will not open until 7 p.m. Please be prepared to wait outside the front doors of the venue or in your vehicle.

Where is Springdale Station?

Springdale Station is a venue in East Austin located at [979 Springdale RD #160 Austin, Texas 78702](#).

What do I need to know about parking?

The entire facility at 979 Springdale accommodates 575 parking spaces. Various lots are positioned around the site and are shared with other tenants, therefore the number of open spots varies. The most underused parking area which includes 350 spots is directly behind Friends and Allies Brewery, just steps away from the back entrance of Springdale Station. [Please refer to this parking map in advance to make your arrival smooth and easy.](#)

Safety reminder for a physically distanced event:

This will be an in-person, socially distanced event. Please attend masked and continue physical distancing of 6 feet between other households. Keep in mind that every community member has their own comfort level with in-person events, so err on the side of caution when greeting your friends, staff, and family members.

Do I have to wear a mask?

Yes, we ask all guests to wear a mask. Even if you are vaccinated.

My family member has an immune deficiency or other health related issue, should we still attend?

We suggest that families in this situation check with their doctor to decide if this event is safe for them to attend. However, we are happy to note that each family will be able to share in the celebration via the livestream of the ceremony (more information below).

****If you are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms, do not attend the event.**

How many guests are allowed per graduate?

Families will be seated within pods based on your original RSVP. If you are unsure of the number of seats you requested, please reach out to me immediately to confirm. There will be no extra chairs at this event beyond the RSVP numbers.

Will there be extra seats available at the ceremony?

No.

How can my friends and extended family members share in this celebration?

The ceremony will be shared live on our Facebook page via Facebook Live for all to join. Guests don't even need a Facebook account to view live. Just share our Facebook Live URL

(<https://www.facebook.com/headwatersschool/live/>) and we will start the Facebook Live when the ceremony starts.

We also recommend following our page as it will notify followers that we are Live.

This livestream will be available after the event by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/headwatersschool/live>.

Will my graduate “walk” to receive their diploma during this event?

Yes they will. We ask that they remain masked and opposed to the old school handshake, give Ted an elbow bump when receiving their diploma.

Can my graduate decorate their cap for this event?

Yes, please! Also, remember common sense rules for appropriateness required for the gravity of the event. Funny is fine as long as it is in good taste and does not block the view of the people sitting behind you.