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Dear Seniors and Parents/Guardians,

The time is quickly approaching to graduate the Vista Ridge High School Class of 2024. 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: Friday, May 24, 2024 at 8:00 AM
HEB Center doors will open for VRHS graduation guests at 7:00 AM

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: We strongly encourage pre-purchasing parking prior to the day of graduation. Passes can be purchased by going to the [HEB Center Leander ISD graduation website](#).

There will be a parking fee of \$7.14 per vehicle if purchased in advance, or \$8.00 charged the day of, payable by credit card only. Larger vehicles, such as motorhomes or buses, will be charged a fee of \$30.00 per vehicle, payable on the day of graduation only.

Valet Parking is ***not*** available during graduation and will be used for a drop off area. Handicapped parking spaces are in Lots B, G, and F.

Tickets: Tickets are ***not*** needed for graduation this year.

Student Transportation: ***All students will ride the bus from Vista Ridge High School to the HEB Center.*** It is recommended that graduates have someone drop them off at Vista Ridge on graduation day, by 5:30 AM, so they do not have any belongings with them. If they need to drive, they will have to turn in their keys and phone and will be able to pick them up from the office at Vista Ridge High School immediately after graduation, until 3:00 PM. Students should arrive at VRHS by 5:30 AM and report to the Competition Gym. Please enter the mall area through the doors closest to the student parking lot and the Oak Tree, do NOT enter through the doors

by the courtyard. After graduation, students should ride home from the HEB Center with family and/or friends.

Student Dress:

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

Students should wear professional dress, appropriate for the graduation ceremony, under their graduation gown. No jeans. Students should wear appropriate footwear and **avoid sandals, flip flops, work boots and athletic shoes.**

Graduation caps, black VRHS gowns, and 2024 tassels are required for graduation. Orders can be placed through [Herff Jones](#). Cap and gown pick-up will be at VRHS during all lunches on May 10th. All holds must be cleared prior to cap and gown pick-up. MLISD devices will be collected on May 14th.

Graduation caps can be decorated. All decorations must be flat. Nothing can hang and 3D objects may not be used. Caps cannot make noise or light up. Designs may not include offensive language, flags, double meaning-words, inappropriate nicknames, gang-related material, political affiliation, negative/rude language, boyfriend/girlfriend names, alcohol, drugs, weapons, sexual material, or threats to the safety of any person. Please refer to the [VRHS Senior Cap Decorating Guidelines](#).

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. Electronic devices and other personal belongings should not be brought to school. Any personal items such as cell phones, purses, keys, etc. will be collected by Vista Ridge staff. Students will be able to pick up their belongings from the office at Vista Ridge High School until 3:00 PM on Friday, May 24, 2024 or on Tuesday, May 28th, from 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

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. HEB Center is under a **Clear Bag Policy and is cashless**, please refer to the [A to Z Fan Guide for details](#). 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 AM.

Meeting After the Ceremony:

After the ceremony, graduates will recess with their fellow graduates and be able to meet their families and/or friends at the front of the HEB Cedar Park Center, by the flagpole. 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, May 23rd at 9:00 AM in the VRHS Competition Gym.

Senior Awards: This special event will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the Vista Ridge High School Gym. This is an opportunity to recognize the many achievements of our seniors; we will recognize students in groups, as well as individually. All students and families that are to be recognized will receive invitations via email. Individual invitations will not be mailed. This event is by invitation only.

Project Graduation: This important drug and alcohol-free event will be on Friday, May 24, at PinBallz (13729 Research Blvd, Austin TX) from 11:00 PM-6:00 AM. This event is for the 2024 Graduating Class of Vista Ridge and their invited guests only (guests will cost \$50.00). 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. Additional information and registration forms are available on the [Project Graduation website](#). If you have any additional questions regarding Project Graduation, please visit www.vistaridgeprojectgrad.org.

Helpful Links:

[2024 Senior Page](#)

[LISD Graduation webpage](#)

[HEB Center Graduation Information Packet](#)

[Parking at HEB Center](#)

[Herff Jones](#) (order caps and gowns)

[VRHS Senior Cap Decorating Guidelines](#)

[Project Graduation](#)

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 our office staff at 512-570-1800.

Go Rangers,

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