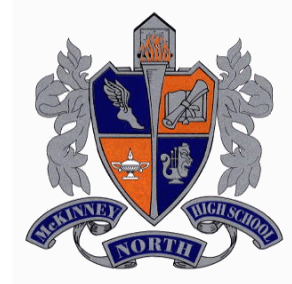


MNHS SENIOR EVENTS

Class of 2026

We are excited to bring you information about McKinney North's graduation and other upcoming senior events! Included in this letter is all of the information you will need to help you plan for your graduate's big day. Dates, times, and locations are subject to change.



GENERAL GRADUATION INFORMATION

Date: May 22, 2026
 Time: 1:00 pm
 Location: Credit Union of Texas Event Center (Formerly known as Allen Event Center)
 Senior Arrival: TBD
 Doors Open: TBD
Practice: May 21 @ MNHS Gymnasium - 1:00 pm (This is mandatory)

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT SENIOR DATES

July/Aug	Senior reserved parking paint dates
Aug. 8	Schedule pick up (begins at noon, by alpha)
Aug. 22	Senior Sunrise @ 6:30 am (behind the Multi-Purpose Building)
Sept. 12	Flash sale yearbook pricing ends
TBD	Flash sale pricing begins for Jostens graduation online orders
Oct. 7	Senior portraits taken on campus
Oct. 30	Homecoming pep rally and football game
Nov. 1	Homecoming Dance @ MNHS
Nov. 11 & 14	Senior portrait on campus makeup day
Nov. 14	Senior Tribute Yearbook Ad deadline
Nov. 21	Last day to be photographed in studio for inclusion in yearbook
Nov. 21	Flash sale pricing ends for Jostens graduation orders
Jan. 15	Senior class panoramic picture
Jan. 30	Yearbook order deadline
March 23	Graduation cap approval forms will be available
March 22	Jostens late order deadline for April pickup at MNHS
March 31	Jostens Graduation delivery (During lunches in G119)
Apr 18	Baby Pics due for Senior Sunset video
TBD	Laptop payment available in My School Bucks All Senior Laptop/Tech Info Here
April 29	Senior Awards- Begins 8:30 - Parents arrive 8:00
April 29	Senior Celebration @ Main Event 11 am
Apr. 25	SENIOR PROM @The Meridian Venue (351 Southwind Ln. Fairview)
April 30	Graduation cap approvals due
May 1	FINAL DEADLINE FOR CAP & GOWN PURCHASE (Home delivery charge)
TBD	MacBook purchase deadline
TBD	MacBook return during Government/Economics
May 18	Senior Breakfast @ MISD Elementary Schools
May 18	Baccalaureate @ Hope Fellowship @ 6pm
May 19	Senior Sunset @ MNHS Cafeteria (7:00 pm)
May 21	MANDATORY Graduation practice @ MNHS Gymnasium (1:00 pm)
May 22	Graduation Ceremony @ Credit Union of Texas Event Center (1:00pm)
May 22	Project Graduation @McKinney ISD Stadium (10pm-5am) - FREE to all MISD 2025 graduating seniors. Seniors may bring ONE GUEST for a \$20 door entry charge

**** Dates are subject to change due to conflicts, weather, etc. ****

SENIOR BREAKFAST @ ELEMENTARY CAMPUS

Graduating seniors that attended a MISD elementary school will return to that campus to be honored. Closer to the date, more specific information will be sent out through Thrillshare. A pass will be given to all seniors that attend and they will need to check in to their house office so that the absence can be coded properly.

SENIOR DAY (BREAKFAST, AWARDS, & CELEBRATION)

Seniors attending the Senior Awards will be provided breakfast and refreshments. This is a time for reflection and to thank a staff member who has impacted their high school career.

The Senior Awards ceremony is a time to honor the recognized seniors for their dedication and outstanding contributions they have made during their time at McKinney North. The dress code is consistent with baccalaureate and the graduation ceremony, minus the cap and gown. Outfits must be school appropriate. Seating is first come, first serve. We ask that all guests arrive by 8:15 AM to ensure seating in the auditorium.

The Senior Celebration is where the senior class comes together prior to the senior week events. All seniors must be cleared of any credit recovery hours and fines to attend this event. Students that still owe hours or fines will not be allowed to attend. Please see your House Principal if you have any questions. All campus and district rules apply.

SENIOR SUNSET

Senior Sunset is a gathering of senior students to honor parents for all that they have done up to this point. At this event, parents will receive a letter from your child, view a senior slideshow, and hear from speakers from various MISD schools.

BACCALAUREATE

The baccalaureate ceremony is not a required activity for graduation. It is a religious service to honor the seniors prior to the graduation ceremony. The dress code for the event is the same as graduation (see dress code for graduation). In addition, seniors will wear their graduation gowns, but not their caps. Seating is first come, first serve for guests. Seniors are asked to arrive thirty minutes prior to the ceremony. Information will be sent out by the senior class officers.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to participate in the graduation exercises seniors must have completed all graduation requirements, paid all fines, and completed all credit recovery hours. Additionally, all disciplinary consequences (detention, suspension, etc.) must be fully served. Please see your House Office if you have any questions.

GRADUATE DRESS CODE

- Women – dress or skirt/dress pants and blouse, and dress shoes.
- Men – dress slacks, dress shirts, tie and dress shoes.
- Any senior who has a question about appropriate dress should contact your House Office. Proper dress will be checked before students enter the staging area.

CAPS & GOWNS

Jostens is our service provider. All seniors should order their cap and gown by Spring Break. Caps and gowns will be delivered to the campus March 31. If you have not done so, it is imperative that you contact Jostens through their website. Click [here](#) to access the McKinney North Josten's website. Seniors can elect to decorate their cap but must adhere to the guidelines as laid out in the approval form. Forms

will be provided by senior English teachers, posted online, and sent out through campus communication. All designs must be submitted for approval. If a graduate deviates from their approved design, they will be provided a new, blank cap.

CORDS & MEDALS

For graduation students can wear any cord, medal, or stole they receive through McKinney North, MISD, or UIL. Any cord, medal, or other decorative attire earned outside of MISD will not be approved and will prevent the senior from passing all check points prior to the graduation ceremony. Please remind your child that they may not wear any decorative attire that has *not* been received through McKinney North, MISD, or UIL. The campus does not have replacement cords and/or medals if a student forgets theirs.

PERSONAL ITEMS

Prior to entering the staging area seniors will have to pass through several checkpoints. In order to keep our staging area clean and organized, graduates may not have personal items in their possession when they enter the staging area. This includes, but is not limited to, electronic devices, purses, food and drink. Students should arrive without their cap on. They must check in all electronic devices or you can leave them with a parent, relative or friend prior to entering the staging area.

LIVE/POST TV COVERAGE

There will be a live broadcast of the ceremony through the McKinney ISD website www.mckinneyisd.net/graduation/ to accommodate family and friends that are unable to attend.

PHOTOGRAPHS

We have arranged for the ceremony to be photographed by Flash Photography and all graduates will have a photograph taken with Mr. Penio and after they exit the stage with their diploma cover. Flash Photography will mail proofs at no charge within a few days after the ceremony. The graduates will receive and fill out forms during graduation practice. You will be contacted by the company with the proofs along with the purchase prices. Flash Photography website: www.flashphotography.com.

TICKETS

The Graduation venue requires tickets for all attendees as of 2025. Tickets will be given to each graduating senior following mandatory graduation rehearsal on 5/21, and each senior will receive **9 tickets**. If your accompanying child takes a seat during graduation, they must have a ticket. The number of tickets is limited due to building capacity restrictions at the Credit Union of Texas Event Center.

SUITES

The Credit Union of Texas Event Center (formerly known as Allen Event Center) offers a variety of suite sizes that accommodate groups of 15, 18, 21, 24, or 27. **Suite tickets are \$50 per seat**, and CUTX Event Center requires purchase of full suite (no partial suite purchases). A campus email will be sent regarding suite purchase information. As a reminder suites are sold by Credit Union of Texas Event Center on a first come, first serve basis.

BAG POLICY

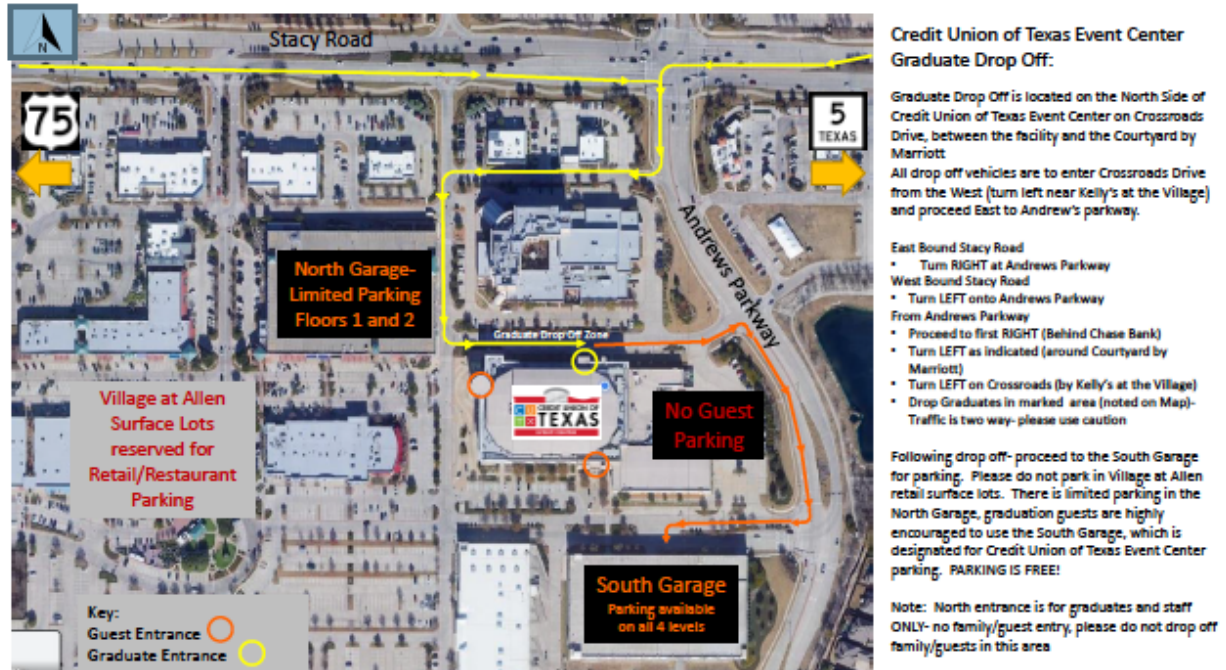
Ceremony attendees will need to follow the event center's purse/bag policy

POST-CEREMONY

Students will exit the building after the ceremony. Families will not be allowed past the checkpoints to locate your graduate. Please allow your graduate several minutes to collect their valuables and diploma. It is highly suggested that you designate a predetermined location to meet back up with your graduate for celebration and pictures.

PARKING & ENTRANCE

There is no charge for parking. Please use the parking garage located on the south or north end of the event center. We ask that our graduates enter on the north side of the building. Families and guests will enter on the south and west sides of the building. Allow time to make it through the event center security checkpoints. Areas of the event center are restricted for the use of the staff and students only.



TRANSCRIPT

Colleges and universities require all incoming students to submit a final high school transcript after graduation. Seniors must submit a request through their Naviance account to have a final transcript sent to the college they will be attending. Transcripts will be processed and sent beginning two weeks after graduation; if you have orientation before that date, you will need to take a copy of your report card and/or unofficial transcript. By the week of June 16th, final transcripts will be mailed out to colleges based on the requests made by students. Please be aware, **final class rank** is locked after the 3rd nine weeks. However, GPA continues to be calculated until final grades are submitted for the 4th Nine Weeks and the 2nd Semester. Please make sure that your senior student stays on top of all grades and earns credit in all classes.