

May 2, 2016

Dear Parents of La Joya Community High School Graduating Seniors:

It is my pleasure to share with you the details of La Joya Community High School's graduation ceremony for your planning purposes. Graduation is such a special time for students and families to celebrate the accomplishments of an educational journey. It is our intent to provide a graduation ceremony that is appropriate to that occasion. We thank you in advance for your understanding that we are planning a large scale event for nearly 500 graduates and their families.

We have met and discussed graduation a few times this year with Seniors and want to ensure that all necessary information is available to parents as well.

All graduates are required to attend **graduation practice on Tuesday, May 17th at 7:25 a.m.** in the La Joya cafeteria in order to participate in the ceremony on Wednesday. There are no excused absences from graduation practice. It is considered a school day and students need to arrive on time and report directly to the cafeteria. Practice will conclude at approximately 9:00 a.m. and Seniors will then be dismissed for the day.

Our graduation ceremony is on **Wednesday, May 18th at 11:00 a.m.**, at the University of Phoenix Stadium. All TUHSD schools graduate that day at the same venue. By doing so, we are able to provide seating and parking to accommodate the friends and families that you would like to have attend the ceremonies. No tickets are needed to attend. Gate 3 will open at 10:00 a.m. for families and guests. A parking map is posted on our website and will be distributed at graduation practice. La Joya will be on an early release schedule on the 18th, so that siblings and friends are able to attend the ceremony without missing school any final exams.

Graduates are required to report and enter through Gate 2 no later than 10:00 a.m. Graduates must be dressed appropriately and have no personal belongings with them. Students will report and line up beneath stadium seating, and there will be no space to secure personal belongings. Students should leave all belongings in cars or with their parents before they enter Gate 2. Once students enter Gate 2, they will not be able to connect with family until after the ceremony ends.

The ceremony will last until approximately 12:15 p.m. At that time graduates will exit the stadium and meet their families at Gate 3.

Please keep in mind that participation in the graduation ceremony is limited to those students who have met the graduation requirements of TUHSD. Students must also have resolved any bookstore account balances.

These last few weeks of high school are exciting times for students. It is important that the campus remain free of distractions and focused on all students completing their coursework and earning credit. Students who are involved in any situation that is a violation of school rules and disrupts campus may lose their opportunity to participate in the ceremony.

We look forward to Graduation and the celebration of your student's accomplishments.

Sincerely,

Brandi Haskins

Principal

La Joya Community High School