

CONGRATULATIONS PARENTS OF THE CLASS OF 2020

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS



Congratulations! On behalf of the administration and faculty of Thomas Jefferson High School, we thank you for your support in helping your child successfully complete high school.

Thomas Jefferson High School Commencement Exercise will be held on **Thursday June 11th at 8:30AM** at Alamo Stadium. This is a **dignified** and **solemn** occasion therefore we ask for your assistance in ensuring that your graduate complies with the following guidelines for proper attire and behavior at the commencement ceremony:

Commencement June 11th: Consider attire for outdoor ceremony

1. **No tennis shoes, no facial piercings, no jeans, no t-shirts, no shorts, no flip-flops, no high heels, colored hair—dignified attire only.**
2. Boys are to wear a light-colored shirt with a collar and **tie**. Slacks should be dark in color and worn with dark shoes.
3. Girls are to wear a knee length dress, skirt and blouse, or dress pants/dress capris with comfortable dress shoes.
4. Graduates will **not** be permitted to carry phones, cameras, pagers, make-up bags, or purses to the ceremony. **NO ITEMS CAN BE CARRIED IN STUDENT HANDS.**
5. **Anyone in unacceptable attire WILL NOT be permitted to participate in the ceremony. Once again, this is a dignified affair.**
6. Helium balloons, noisemakers, signs, and other distracting items such as confetti, beach balls, silly string, etc. **will be confiscated by Alamo Stadium personnel prior to entry. FAMILIES NEED TO PLEASE ENJOY THE CEREMONY AS A DIGNIFIED EVENT. ANYONE GOING INTO ALAMO STADIUM WILL GO THROUGH SECURITY. ALL GUESTS WILL BE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW THE CLEAR BAG POLICY FOR ALAMO STADIUM.**
7. Any infraction of rules at graduation will forfeit the graduate’s participation in the ceremony.
8. Graduates will conduct themselves in an orderly manner throughout the ceremony. Graduates who act inappropriately on stage or otherwise will be removed from the ceremony!
9. Please allow time for purses, and bags to be searched. Holding or reserving seats will not be permitted.
10. Pictures will be on sale for \$12.
11. **All debts must be cleared by June 5th, to be eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony.**

Important Times Graduation Day:

- Arrive at the Alamo Stadium(7:00AM)
- Roll Check and Line Up (Mandatory).....(7:30AM)
- (If a student misses roll call & line up, they will be placed at the end of the line upon arrival).**
- Graduation-Begins Promptly.....(8:30AM)

Alamo Stadium Regulations:

1. Clear Bag Policy will be enforced
2. No balloons, confetti, streamers, powder, noise makers or any kind are allowed into the stadium
3. One-person hand held sign in good taste that does not distract or obstruct the view of other guests is allowed
4. Tail gating is not allowed on premises
5. No high heels on the track field allowed.
6. Only graduates and stage guests are allowed on the track and field
7. No outside food, beverages, gum/candy or tobacco products are allowed in the stadium
8. Smoking is not allowed in the stadium or around complex
9. Umbrellas cannot be used in the seating area-exception: only the top row of the stadium as long as it does not distract or obstruct the view of other guests
10. No backpacks, large bags, Folding chairs, purses larger than 5”x8”x1” over sized bags will be allowed

CONGRATULATIONS PARENTS OF THE CLASS OF 2020

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

11. Small clutch bags do not have to be clear but cannot exceed 5" x 8" x 1", clear bags, diaper bags and seat cushions are allowed.

Alamo Stadium Security:

1. Graduates may wear their cap and gown into the stadium.
2. **ALLOW TIME FOR PARKING AND BAG SEARCH.**
3. All bags and parcels brought into the stadium will be inspected.
4. The doors will open for seating at **@ 7:45AM FOR AUDIENCE MEMBERS.**
5. Please allow time for purses and bags to be searched. Holding or reserving seats will not be permitted.
6. Parents may use hand-held video cameras only-**no tripods and no camera cases.**
7. Helium balloons, noisemakers, signs, and other distracting items such as confetti, beach balls, silly string, etc. **will be confiscated by Alamo Stadium personnel prior to entry.**
8. **Due to COVID-19**
 - a. **Self-monitor if you have any of the following symptoms:**
 - o Cough
 - o Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - o Chills
 - o Repeated shaking with chills
 - o Muscle pain
 - o Headache
 - o Sore throat
 - o Loss of taste or smell
 - o Diarrhea
 - o Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.00 degrees Fahrenheit
 - o Know close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19 if exposure to the active confirmed case occurred within the last 14 days

Those found with any of these signs or symptoms will be excluded from this activity and will be escorted out of Alamo Stadium.

The campus staff will be asking these questions and we ask that you be honest in order for us to provide a safe but memorable event for our seniors.

I would also like to emphasize that guidance will be updated as more information about COVID-19 spread in Texas becomes available and is subject to change.

If you have any questions concerning graduation, please call **(210-213-2449)**.

Sincerely,

Luis De La Garza,
Assistant Principal

CONGRATULATIONS PARENTS OF THE CLASS OF 2020

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Acknowledgement

I acknowledge that I have read the attached, **“Graduation Expectations and Information Letter.”** Not abiding by the guidelines listed and explained on this letter could jeopardize my participation in the Thomas Jefferson High School Commencement.

Student’s Printed Name
Student ID# _____

Student’s Signature

Parent/Guardian’s Printed Name

Parent/Guardian’s Signature

This document will be signed at time of ticket pickup. By signing, students and parents acknowledge that they have read and understood the rules and regulations associated with graduation. Any violation of the attached policies may result in removal from graduation ceremony.