



Class of 2023 - Senior Information for Graduation Ceremony

Last updated May 31, 2023 - Updated information highlighted

**James Bowie High School - Friday, June 2, 2023 at 7:00 pm
at Burger Stadium, 3200 Jones Rd., Austin, TX 78745**

Please read through the following information carefully to ensure graduation runs smoothly. If you have questions, please contact the Bowie High School main office at 512.414.5247. Please take time to review the presentation our seniors received as well.

Tickets Not Required; see below for information for inclement weather

Inclement Weather Plan

In the event of inclement weather, AISD has made [alternate plans](#) and arrangements. **The graduation ceremony will be moved to Burger Arena, which has limited seating.** Seniors should have received 7 wristbands at Senior Day on April 19th, which can be given to family/guests in case of inclement weather.

Transportation

The [AISD Shuttle Buses](#) and an ADA accessible shuttle will run on Friday, June 2nd from Bowie to Burger starting at 4:00 and ending at 6:30 PM. Shuttles will run for 1 hour after the ceremony concludes from the graduation site (until there are no more guests needing shuttle service) returning to the campus.

Graduation Name Pronunciation

Seniors, upon check in with your counselor/name announcer, please confirm the pronunciation of your name.

Senior Attire

Graduation attire will only include robe, cap, tassel and any official regalia awarded by Bowie. Caps, gowns, and tassels will be sold on site through Herff Jones at Burger starting around 5:30 pm. \$70 cash or card is accepted. Please let your counselor know as soon as possible if you are unable to purchase regalia. Seniors are encouraged to dress business casual with pockets for keys and cell phones. Do not bring any backpacks, bags, purses (**see Clear Bag Policy*), or other items. The area where Seniors line up is not secure; therefore, no items can be left as the area is not monitored. Please wear shoes that are appropriate for the occasion (no tennis shoes or flip flops). Remember you will need to walk up a ramp, across the stage, down stairs and back to your seat so your shoes should be comfortable.

No decorated caps will be permitted including flower, leis, money necklaces, mardi gras beads, flags, chains, LED flashing lights, etc.

Tassels are to be worn on the right side of the cap until the Principal directs Seniors to move to the left side at the end of the ceremony.

Graduation Gown & Heritage Stole Examples



✓ Yes



✓ Yes



✓ Yes



✗ No

Graduation Cap Examples



✓ Yes



✗ No

Arrival - Seniors

Seniors should report to the graduation site 1.5 - 2 hours before the ceremony. **Be on time and allow plenty of time for parking.** Seniors must check in with campus staff and line up in alphabetical order, **noting who their line leader is**, to be ready to enter the venue on time. Look for the signs directing Seniors where to go to check in. **Your alpha counselor or name announcer** will mark you present, give instructions, and your Class of 2023 medallion. If you don't check in at the Senior area/tent we will assume you



aren't here and your name will not be called during the ceremony. This is the time to use the restroom - take care of business by 6:50 pm, please!

Seniors graduating at Burger Stadium are to be dropped off on 290 (Visitors) side of the stadium. The recessional will be on the Jones Rd. side (Home) so parking can be at your discretion. Please refer to the maps on the school website presentation.

Arrival - Guests

Graduation ceremony will begin promptly at **7:00 pm**. Please be sure to allow plenty of time for transportation, traffic and parking. Specific facility parking instructions will be displayed on signs as well as from AISD Police who will be on site to direct parking and traffic. Shuttle buses will run from each campus two hours before and two hours after the ceremony concludes.

Mobility Impaired Guests/ADA Seating

On site Handicapped parking is available. Upon arrival at the graduation site, please inform AISD staff/ushers at the entrance to inform them of your mobility needs. Mobility impaired guests will be accommodated to a designated area on the track at Burger Stadium. Please look for signage on site.

American Sign Language - ASL Interpretation

Families needing ASL will be seated in a designated area for enhanced viewing. Please notify AISD staff at the entrance of the facility that you need ASL seating.

Covid-19 Procedures

Masks are not required. We are requesting all families and guests to self monitor social distancing within the facility. Masked or unmasked, let's support each other.

Prohibited Items

Please note that failure to comply with guidelines may result in ejection from the venue.

- Disorderly conduct
- Food and drinks, with the exception of bottled water
- Smoking/Vaping
- Alcohol may not be served or consumed on any AISD property
- Laser pointers
- Littering
- Noisemakers or air horns
- Use of drones
- Balloons, confetti, silly string, powder, beach balls, large posters, and streamers
- Glitter (thrown, displayed, and/or worn)
- Wandering away from the designated areas or into restricted areas
- Firearms or explosives, weapons of any kind, are not allowed on any AISD



- property
- Any item deemed inappropriate for the event by AISD staff

Clear Bag Policy

Visitors are required to use clear bags at any Austin ISD facility. All guests may be subject to a visual inspection and/or a bag inspection conducted by an AISD staff member.

Approved bags must be clear and not exceed 12 in. (by 6 in. by 12 in.) or be a clear one-gallon resealable plastic freezer storage bag. One per person. Bags must be clear plastic, vinyl, or PVC and have a maximum of one logo imprint not exceeding 4.5 in. tall x 3.4 in. wide. The only non-clear bags permitted are small clutch bags (with or without a strap) that are the size of a hand. Exceptions will be made for medically necessary items after proper inspection at designated areas.

Austin ISD Athletics CLEAR BAG POLICY

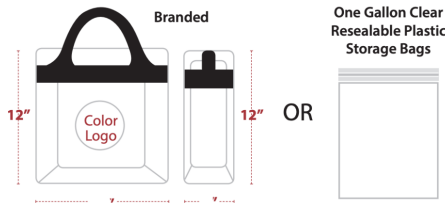
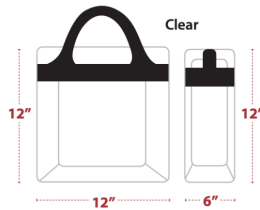
Beginning in August 2018, clear bag policy will be in place for all Austin ISD athletic home events at Burger Center, Delco Center, House Park, Nelson Field and the Noack Sports Complex. Approved and non-approved types of bags are shown below.



APPROVED BAGS

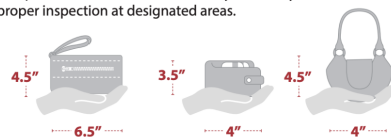
LARGE BAGS

To bring bags to a home athletic event, bags must be clear and not exceed 12 in. (by 6 in. by 12 in.) or be a clear one gallon resealable plastic freezer storage bag. One per person. Bags must be clear plastic, vinyl or PVC and have a maximum of one logo imprint not exceeding 4.5 in. tall x 3.4 in. wide.



SMALL BAGS

The only non-clear bags permitted are small clutch bags (with or without a strap) that are the size of a hand. Exceptions will be made for medically necessary items after proper inspection at designated areas.



NON-PERMITTED BAGS

All non-clear and/or larger than those shown on the left.





[Details on approved and non-approved bags, English \(PDF\)](#)
[Detalles sobres bolsas permitidas, en español \(PDF\)](#)

Parking and Transportation

Parking is free and available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Accessibility parking spots as well as a designated Drop Off area is located in front of the building.

AIISD Transportation will run shuttle service from the campus parking lot at Bowie to Burger Stadium. It is advised that families and seniors take the shuttle or arrange to be dropped off at the graduation site. [See beginning of document for details.](#)

Burger Arena & Stadium - Parking is available on Hwy 290/Ben White Blvd. and Jones Rd. entrances.

[Seniors driving their own vehicles to graduation should follow signage for parking.](#)

Families driving to the graduation site should follow directional signs on site and AIISD Police directing parking and traffic flow. Handicapped parking areas will be designated close to entrances.

What to Expect During the Ceremony - Seniors

[Seniors check in at the Class of 2023 under 290 \(Visitors\) side bleachers \(look for signs and your alpha counselor/name announcers\) between 5:30 and 6:00 pm. All seniors will receive 2 name cards, 1 for your name caller and 1 for the photographer. Do not bend or fold these please!](#) After checking in, Seniors will line up in alphabetical order. When it is time to enter the facility, you will follow your line leader (a Bowie staff member) to your seat. Make sure to stay in your assigned seat to avoid getting out of alpha order.

Graduation program on your seat will show the order of events for the ceremony: Welcome, pledges, national anthem, etc. After Speeches, line leaders will signal seniors in each row when to stand (entire row in each section stands at once) and line up to approach the stage. Seniors will walk up the ramp, receive diploma cover from Principal/AIISD Trustee and walk down the stairs @ center stage and return to seat via the center aisle.

Photos will be taken by **Keep It Digital** for your official graduation photo. Please pay attention to the ushers who will be directing you as you return to your seat.



What to Expect During the Ceremony - Guests

Please refer to the graduation program for the order of events for the ceremony. Families who need assistance for mobility impaired individuals or who need ASL interpretation must notify staff upon entry of their need. Ushers will work with site staff to provide accommodations. We ask that families sit together and self monitor social distancing.

Seating capacities vary depending on the location of the event venue. Stadium seats are allowed for graduation at Burger Stadium. Please keep in mind that some sections of seating may be closed off for our reserved sections to accommodate our ASL and ADA guests. Please ask for assistance upon arrival so an AISD staff member can guide you to the appropriate reserved sections. ADA guests may have one family member sit with them in the reserved section, other family members must sit elsewhere to accommodate for other guests to sit in the ADA area that are needing assistance.

As Seniors arrive, they will line up at the 290 (Visitors) side bleachers (look for signs) in alphabetical order for the processional. Please ensure that your Senior arrives by **5:30 pm**. Once Seniors begin receiving diplomas, please hold your applause until the end of presentation of diplomas so that every family can hear their student's name announced. **All seniors are to remain the entirety of the graduation ceremony from beginning to end with no exceptions other than medical emergencies.**

Exiting After the Event

Guests are asked to remain seated until all graduates have exited via the recessional. Graduates are encouraged to meet up with their families and guests outside the building/stadium. **The shuttles back to Bowie will take guests 1 hour after the ceremony concludes.**

Diplomas and Final Transcripts

Seniors will receive a diploma cover at graduation, not the actual diploma. Diplomas will be available for pick up from Bowie (instructions on diploma pick up over the summer). Graduates can order final transcripts at this [link](#) and the page will be updated closer to graduation. Final transcripts will be processed over the summer. Seniors should make sure they provide a personal email address to the Registrar's office as AISD student emails through Naviance will be inaccessible after graduation.

AISD TV and Live Streaming

The 2023 Austin ISD Graduation Ceremonies will be broadcast live on Channel 22 on Spectrum, Time Warner Cable, Grande, Google Fiber TV and AT&T U-verse Channel 99. Watch our free live stream on Apple TV, Roku, Facebook.com/austinisd/live and at AISD TV.



Graduation Photographer

Keep it Digital is the company AISD is using for graduation. To Receive Graduation Photography proofs - seniors please fill out this online form: [Click Here](#)

If the link above is not active for any reason copy and paste the following link into your web browser: <https://keepitdigital.com/proof-request-form/>

****** Reminder - Do not submit your AISD email address with this process because your AISD Email address will be disabled shortly following graduation ******

Any questions may be directed to support@keepitdigital.com or 512-217-3177 (text capable)

Graduation Links

[Graduation Schedule](#)

[Tips for Families](#)

Questions? Submit your questions about Graduation here: [Let's Talk](#)