

MHS Class of 2021 Graduation Information and Upcoming Events

Graduation Ceremony

Thursday, May 27, 2021

8:00 p.m.

Allen Event Center

200 East Stacy Road #1350

Allen, Texas 75013

Transcripts and Diplomas

Please remember that you should be ordering your official transcripts from www.parchment.com. You will receive email confirmation each time something happens with your transcript order so you can track the progress. You can find more information at www.parchment.com.

Diplomas and final transcripts will be available for pick up in the main office beginning Monday June 7. When you pick up your diploma packet, it will contain some sealed official transcripts for your use.

Graduation Day Information

On graduation evening, doors will open to the public at 7 p.m. All graduates are required to be at the Event Center at 6:45 p.m. dressed and ready to graduate. Graduation will begin promptly at 8:00 p.m. Graduates should have nothing on their person including keys, wallets, purses, etc. during the ceremony. Please leave items such as these with family members or give to a non graduating friend. **At this time, there are no limits on the number of family members allowed to attend graduation and tickets are not required.**

Mortar Board

You may decorate the **top** of your Mortar Board identifying your post high school plans, such as a college, trade school, branch of the military or an inspirational quote. These decorations should not dangle down the sides or stick up from the cap. These decorations must be approved at graduation practice on May 26th by school administration.

Graduation Attire

Graduation attire will be slacks with a collared shirt and a straight or bow tie with closed toe shoes for the gentlemen; dresses or blouses and slacks with dress shoes for the ladies. You may not wear jeans, t-shirts, flip flops, house shoes, or tennis shoes. High heels are not recommended. Corsages and boutonnieres are not allowed.

Important: Immediately following the graduation ceremony, the Allen Event Center requests that all graduates and spectators exit the building. Therefore, all pictures and congregating with family members will need to be done outside the Event Center.

The Commencement Group is selling merchandise for you to commemorate your graduation! It is strongly recommended that you order in advance. The Commencement Group donates part of the proceeds back to Melissa High School. Check out this link - this might be a way for those unable to make it to graduation to show their love: <https://www.thecommcementgroup.com/melissa-hs/>

Please note:

The Allen Event Center has specific criteria for attendees at **all** events held at their venue. **Please read this information regarding the bag policy in its entirety** taken directly from the Allen Event Center website.

<https://www.alleneventcenter.com/189/Bag-Policy> :

Bag Policy:

Allen Event Center has a clear bag and small clutch policy in place for the majority of events including all Allen Americans and Dallas Sidekicks games. The clear bag policy is designed to enhance guest safety and to ensure quick and easy entry into the arena. Similar policies have been implemented at several Dallas/Fort Worth sports and entertainment facilities and events.

Allen Event Center encourages guests to adhere to the new clear bag policy and to leave prohibited items at home or in their cars.

APPROVED BAGS INCLUDE:

- Clear bags no larger than 14" x 14" x 6"
- Wallet-sized clutch purses (with or without strap) no larger than 5.5" x 8.5"
- One-gallon Ziploc style bag
- Exceptions can be made for medically necessary items. Please contact Guest Services in advance at 972.912.1051 to obtain approval.

PROHIBITED ITEMS INCLUDE:

- Backpacks
- Briefcases
- Coolers
- Drawstring bags
- Purses larger than 5.5" x 8.5"
- Oversized tote and mesh bags
- Tinted plastic bags

Additional prohibited items:

Please read this information carefully and in its entirety taken directly from the Allen Event Center website: <https://www.alleneventcenter.com/190/Prohibited-Item>

Prohibited Items

For the safety and security of our guests, the following items are not allowed inside Allen Event Center:

- Purses or Bags that exceed our posted policy (refer to [Bag Policy](#))
- Animals (except service animals)
- Outside food or beverages
- Professional camera, video, audio or recording devices
- Selfie sticks, monopods or tripods
- **Balloons, confetti, silly string, streamers or stickers**
- Pocket knives or weapons of any kind
- Glass, plastic, metal cans or bottles of any similar container
- Fireworks or explosives of any sort
- Chains, studded bracelets
- Laser pointers
- **Noisemakers (boomboxes, whistles, air horns, sirens or anything of the like)**
- Frisbees, beach balls, baseballs, footballs, basketballs, soccer balls, etc.
- Chairs, stools or other seating devices*
- Large Umbrellas
- Aerosol cans of any type, including mace or pepper spray
- Illegal substances
- **Signs, banners or flags larger than 2' x 3' or affixed to a pole**
- Brooms, poles or sticks of any kind

- Costumes with fixed masks
- Props which are dangerous in nature (including nunchucks, pitchforks, sling blades, axes, swords, whips, nooses, swords: plastic or metal, etc.)
- Skateboards, rollerboards, skate shoes, bikes, etc.
- Tools
- Foul or disruptive language or behavior
- Unauthorized vending or distribution of pamphlets, flyers, handbills, etc.

* If you require special accommodations, please reach out to our Guest Services team.

Allen Event Center reserves the right to request the removal of any items deemed dangerous or inappropriate.

Upcoming Events

Melissa Education Foundation

May 11 at 6:30p.m. The scholarship ceremony will be held in the Melissa Arts Center. Students receiving awards will be notified prior to the ceremony. If you have questions, please contact **Kellie Maynard** at kmaynard@melissaisd.org.

Junior/Senior Awards Ceremony

Monday, May 24 at 1:00p.m. in the Melissa Arts Center. Parents of students receiving awards will be notified prior to the ceremony.

Senior Walk

Tuesday, May 25. Seniors will meet at the High School to board buses and travel to MREC, HME and NCE. Specific times will be determined at a later date.

Graduation Practice & Picnic

Wednesday, May 26. Seniors will meet at the Student Union at 11:00 a.m. to eat pizza and fellowship. MANDATORY graduation practice will follow in the gym immediately after.

Graduation

Thursday, May 27 at 8 p.m. at the Allen Events Center.