

RED OAK ISD



GRADUATION

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RED OAK HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2024



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CLASS OF 2024 **GRADUATION** ROHS CEREMONY



Wednesday | May 29, 2024 | 12 p.m.

Mansfield ISD Performing Arts

*The event will be streamed LIVE online on the Red Oak ISD
YouTube Channel, and embedded at www.redoakisd.org*

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

Dear Parents and Students of the ROHS Class of 2024,

First and foremost we are proud of you, each and every one of our Red Oak High School graduates, for your accomplishments and perseverance. Second, we cannot wait to see how you spread your wings and enter the next chapter in your life whether that be higher education, military, or the workforce.

This is your day, and we are so excited to celebrate all you have achieved!

In this publication, you will find information to ensure a successful graduation ceremony including student expectations, parking and entrance information, safety precautions, guest guidelines, and more. Please review this with your family and friends who will be attending the ceremony. These guidelines are in place for the safety of all attending, and adherence is an expectation for all faculty, students, and guests.

You have proven you have what it takes to overcome any challenge that comes your way. I speak for the educators in your life, your family and friends, and even your peers – when I say congratulations to the Class of 2024.

I will see you in Mansfield on Wednesday, May 29!

Sincerely,



Brenda Sanford
Red Oak ISD Superintendent



SENIOR WALK

Senior Elementary School Walk Wednesday, May 22, 8 a.m. at ROHS

- Senior Elementary School Walk through the hallways.
(buses take participating seniors to ROISD elementary schools)
- Your cap and gown are required for this event.
- Return by bus to ROHS.
- Seniors are to leave immediately after returning and not enter the high school.

GRAD PRACTICE

Required Commencement Practice (*Seniors Only*) Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 10 a.m. at Red Oak High School Cafeteria

All seniors participating in the commencement ceremony at the Dr. Jim Vaszauskas Center for the Performing Arts MUST be present and participate in the practice.

This practice is necessary for planning and making the ceremony serene and dignified. Seniors wearing inappropriate school dress or exhibiting behavior that violates the ROISD Code of Conduct at the practice will lose the opportunity to participate in the ceremony on May 29 at the Dr. Jim Vaszauskas Center for the Performing Arts.

SPECIAL - Bring your cap and gown for a special School Board photo opportunity with School Board members at the end of practice!

- **Seniors ONLY and Mandatory - MUST have Student ID to be issued tickets at practice.**
- If seniors do not attend, they will not be allowed to participate in the actual commencement ceremony.
- Seniors must return all ROISD issued devices, clear all fines, etc. before receiving tickets.
- Tickets (10 per grad) will be distributed to seniors ONLY after practice by lottery selection.
- Tickets are numbered and seats bundled together by 10. Students will draw a bundle.
- Per MISD policy, tickets are required for ALL guests (including infants) and are specific seats (not general admission). If you have a lap infant, stop by Will Call to acquire an extra ticket for the infant to enter.
- Once tickets are issued and signed for by the senior, they will not be replaced.

DAY-OF SENIOR PROCEDURES

ARRIVAL TIME

All seniors MUST be at Red Oak High School by 8 a.m. on Wednesday, May 29 to be bused to the graduation facility. Graduates will ride back with their families/friends after the ceremony. Seniors should bring only their cap, gown, and ROHS-issued collars, cords, or stoles. Staff members will be onsite to assist with caps, gowns, etc. and to ride the buses with seniors. Seniors will not be allowed to possess cameras, cell phones, or any other electronic devices on the stage. ROHS staff will gather all items from students before the ceremony.

STUDENT DRESS

For the best pictures, men should wear dark slacks or a suit, with a button-down shirt and preferably a tie with dark colored shoes. Ladies should wear a modest dress or dress pants with black or neutral-colored flats or wedges or low heels. High heels are not recommended due to the lengthy walk within the facility. No flip-flops, house shoes, or sneakers please. All clothing must be ROISD Student Dress Code. Writing or messages on any clothing, cap, or gown is not allowed. The 'mortarboard' style cap should be worn flat on the top of the head. Decorations will NOT be allowed on the cap.

APPROVED CEREMONIAL COLLARS, STOLES, AND CORDS

Only ROISD Graduation Collars/Stoles

- Blue Collar: National Honor Society Officers
- White Collar: National Honor Society
- Gold Stole: Hawks Scholars
- Silver Stole: National Technical Honor Society
- Blue/Gold Stole: Naval JROTC

Only ROISD Graduation Cords

- Gold Cord: Distinguished Achievement
- Silver Cord: Foundation with Endorsement
- Blue/Yellow Cord: AP Capstone
- Teal Cord: STUCO
- Royal Blue & Gold Cord: Thespian Honor Society
- Navy Blue & Orange Cord: CTE Certifications

Cords and Stoles
on sale in the Hawk's
Nest during
all Lunch Periods
Prices:
Cords - \$8.00
Collars/Stoles - \$16.00



CAP AND GOWN ORDERS

In order to have matching Red Oak maroon attire, participating seniors MUST order their cap and gown from Halls Recognition. Be sure to try on your gown to make sure it fits and iron it before the ceremony. Borrowing a Red Oak gown older than three years will be the wrong color.

Heath Hall - www.hallsrecognition.com, 972-723-8558

https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/catalogBrowse/1080255/RED-OAK-HIGH-SCHOOL/Graduation/2184037992/CATALOG_REPOSITORY/

GUEST & TICKET INFORMATION

- **Parking is free, but carpooling is recommended.**
- **Doors open for guests at 11 a.m., no re-entry allowed.**
- **Everyone will go through metal detectors and have all bags checked. (Leave unnecessary items in the car.)**
- **Meet your graduate out front after the ceremony.**

The Center opens one (1) hour prior to graduation and abides by a strict “no re-entry” policy during events. All guests are subject to bag checks by security personnel. A ticket is required for each guest.

- Tickets (10 per grad) will be distributed to seniors after practice May 28.
- Per MISD policy, tickets are required for ALL guests (including infants) and are specific seats (not general admission). If you have a lap infant, stop by Will Call to acquire an extra ticket for the infant to enter.
- A limited number of extra tickets MAY be available at the Center’s box office the day of graduation. They also have an overflow room on site where guests can watch a live stream of the ceremony.

Noisemakers, helium balloons, large signs, strollers, food, beverages, coolers, and large bags are not permitted.

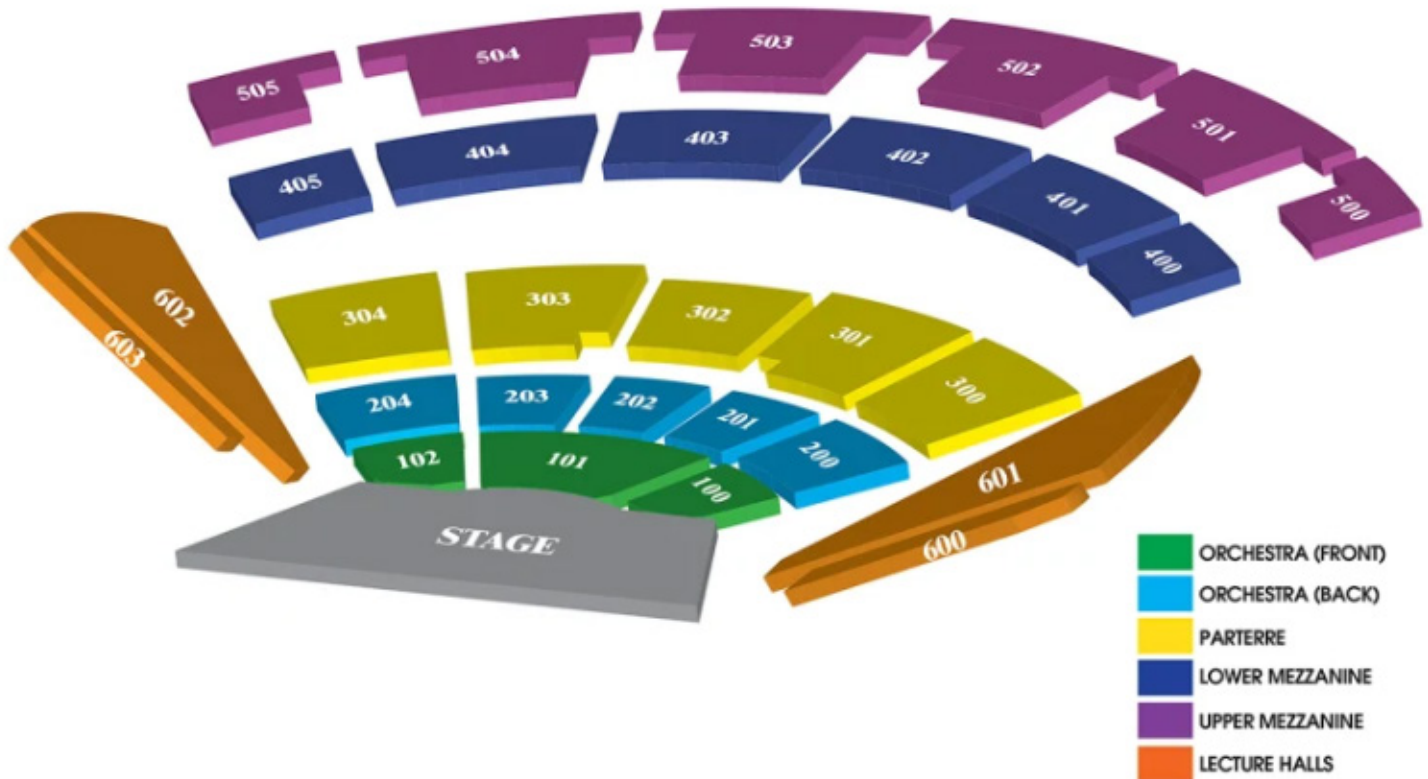
After the ceremony, families should meet graduates in front of the Dr. Jim Vaszauskas Center for the Performing Arts. MISD officials ask that all guests exit the arena within 30 minutes after the ceremony’s conclusion. Graduates will be riding home with parents/family or friends.

We understand that many people are incredibly excited about their children, relatives, or friends graduating. Please note that every senior student, whether fifty relatives and friends in the audience or solely one proud parent, deserves the right to have their name called without distraction from others.

Red Oak ISD has outlined specific rules for graduating students who elect to participate in the ceremony. Families who wish to have items outside of these rules should do so at their personal family functions.

We look forward to a fantastic ceremony on Wednesday, May 29, 2024, at 12 p.m. at the Dr. Jim Vaszauskas Center for the Performing Arts.

PERFORMANCE HALL SEATING LEVELS



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PHOTOGRAPHY

Lifetouch Photography

All official graduation photos will be taken at the ceremony by Lifetouch. Families may view and purchase photos using the QR or access code to the right.



CONGRATULATIONS

• Graduates •



Scan to opt-in
to view our
commencement
photos.

Or text
64895GY24
to **90738***



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Biometrics: www.photoday.io/biometrics

DISMISSAL

At the conclusion of the ceremony, all guests will adjourn to the front 'porch' area of the Center. Graduates will be released by staff and will walk around to the front. This is a great area to present graduates with flowers, take family photos, and catch up with their friends and family.

Remember, graduates will NOT be riding back on the bus, but riding back with family or friends.

Graduates will pick up their ACTUAL diplomas on Thursday, May 30 at the Red Oak High School Learning Commons (enter door #2 by Learning Commons) from 10 a.m. to noon, and 2-4 p.m.



2023-2024 SCHOOL BOARD

John Anderson, *President, Place 3*

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Brenda Sanford, *Superintendent*

RED OAK HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

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