



2018 RCHS SENIOR EVENT LIST

We are excited to bring you information about Royse City High School's graduation and other upcoming senior events! Included in this letter is all of the information you will need to help you plan for your graduate's big day.

GENERAL GRADUATION INFORMATION

Date: Tuesday, May 29, 2018
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Curtis Culwell Center, Garland TX
Senior Arrival: 5:00 PM
Doors Open: 5:30 PM (This is for spectators)
Practice: Friday, May 25, 2:00 pm @ Royse City High School Cafeteria (This is **mandatory**)

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT SENIOR DATES

April 28 Junior/Senior Prom- Rockwall Manor at the Springs-Terrell 8:00-11:00
May 15 Senior Awards @ RCHS PAC – 7:00 (invitations will be sent to recipients)
May 17 Top Dog Awards @ RCHS Cafeteria - 6:30 (invitations will be sent to recipients)
May 18 Senior Breakfast/Senior Walk @ RCHS Cafeteria - 7:45
May 24 Senior Field Day
May 25 Graduation practice @ Royse City High School Cafeteria 2:00 (This is **mandatory**)

SENIOR WALK DAY

The seniors begin their day with Chiloso breakfast. Seniors will walk the halls of the other RCISD campuses one last time.

SENIOR AWARDS

Senior Awards is a time for the campus to honor the seniors for their dedication and outstanding contributions they have made during their time at Royse City High School. The dress code is consistent with baccalaureate and the graduation ceremony, minus the cap and gown. Outfits must be school appropriate. Seating is first come, first serve. We ask that all guests arrive by 6:45 to ensure seating.

This event is an invitation only event.

SENIOR FIELD DAY

This event will take place on campus and will include a cookout and various games and activities that are determined by class officers.

To attend the final senior field day, all seniors must be cleared of any credit recovery hours and fines prior. Students that still owe hours or fines will not be allowed to attend the senior field day. Please see your House Principal if you have any questions. All campus and district rules apply.

BACCALAUREATE

The baccalaureate ceremony is not a required activity for graduation. It is a religious service to honor the seniors prior to the graduation ceremony. The dress for the event is the same as



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for graduation. The seniors will wear their gown as well. Seating is first come, first serve for guests. Seniors are asked to arrive an hour prior to the ceremony. Once at date and location is determined it will be sent out to all seniors.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to participate in the graduation exercises seniors must have completed all graduation requirements, paid all fines, and completed all credit recovery hours. Additionally, all disciplinary consequences (detention, suspension, etc.) must be fully served. Please see your House Office if you have any questions.

GRADUATE DRESS CODE

- Women – dress or skirt (or dress pants) and blouse, and dress shoes.
- Men – dress slacks, dress shirts, tie and dress shoes.
- Any senior who has a question about appropriate dress should contact your House Office. Proper dress will be checked before students enter the staging area.

CAPS/GOWNS

Balfour is our service provider. All students should have already ordered their caps and gowns. If you have not done so, it is imperative that you contact Balfour through their website at www.balfour4u.com. Seniors can elect to decorate their cap but must adhere to the guidelines as laid out in the approval form. If a graduate deviates from their approved design they will participate in the ceremony with a new, blank cap. All designs must be submitted to Mrs. Ainsworth, in B124, by May 16th for approval.

CORDS & MEDALS

Students who received cords and/or medals during the Senior Awards ceremony or extracurricular banquets should proudly wear them to graduation. Any cord, medal, or other decorative attire not approved by Mrs. Ainsworth will prevent the senior from passing all checkpoints prior to the graduation ceremony. Please remind your child that they may not wear any decorative attire that has not been approved by Mrs. Ainsworth. Only approved items are allowed. If a student forgets their cord(s) and/or medals the campus does not have replacements at graduation.

PERSONAL ITEMS

Prior to entering the staging area seniors will have to pass through several checkpoints. In order to keep our staging area clean and organized, graduates may not have personal items in their possession when they enter the staging area. This includes but is not limited to electronic devices, purses, food and drink. Students should arrive without their cap on. They will check in all electronic devices or can leave them with a parent, relative or friend.

POST-CEREMONY

Students will exit the Culwell Center after the ceremony using the same doors used to enter the facility prior to the ceremony. Family will not be allowed past the checkpoints to locate your graduate. Please allow your graduate several minutes to collect their valuables and diploma. It is highly suggested that you designate a pre-determined location to meet back up with your graduate for celebration and pictures.



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TICKETS

Each student will be given 20 tickets prior to graduation for family and friends to gain entry to the Culwell Center for the graduation ceremony. All attendees, regardless of age must have a ticket.

PARKING & ENTRANCE

There is a \$10 charge for parking at graduation. Areas of the center are restricted for the use of the staff and students only.

LIVE/POST TV COVERAGE

There will be a live broadcast of the ceremony through the Royse City ISD website (www.rcisd.org) to accommodate family and friends that are unable to attend.

GRADUATION DVD

The graduation ceremony will be professionally recorded and made available for purchase. The link for purchasing the DVD will be through the district website at www.rcisd.org. Payment is due at time of order. The price of the DVD is \$20.

PHOTOGRAPHS

We have arranged for the ceremony to be photographed by Flash Photography and all graduates will have a photograph taken after they exit the stage with their diploma cover. Flash Photography will mail proofs at no charge within a few days after the ceremony. The graduates will receive and fill out forms during graduation practice. You will be contacted by the company with the proofs along with the purchase prices. Flash Photography website: www.flashphotography.com.

TRANSCRIPT

Colleges and universities require all incoming students to submit a final high school transcript after graduation. Enclosed you will find a Final Transcript Request Form (blue). Please write legibly and fill out the form in its entirety. As noted on the form, Electronically – TREX is used for public colleges and universities with the state of Texas. If your transcript needs to be mailed, you must provide an addressed stamped envelope. Do not put a return address on the envelope, as it must come from the high school for colleges to accept it. Transcripts will be processed and sent beginning two weeks after graduation; if you have orientation before that date, you will need to take a copy of your report card and/or unofficial transcript. Beginning the week of June 18th final transcripts will be mailed out to colleges based on the requests made by students. Please be aware, there has been a long-standing myth with seniors that GPA is frozen after the 3rd 9 Weeks. This is not true. GPA continues to be calculated until final grades are submitted for the 4th Nine Weeks and the 2nd Semester. Please make sure that your senior student stays on top of all assignments and final exams.



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AP Testing Dates:

May 7, 2018 - Chemistry 8:00am, Psychology 12:00pm

May 8, 2018 - Spanish Language 8:00am, Physics 12:00pm

May 9, 2018 - English Literature 8:00am

May 10, 2018 - US Government 8:00am

May 11, 2018 - US History 8:00am, Studio Art Portfolios 12:00pm, Computer Science 12:00pm

May 14, 2018 - Biology 8:00am

May 15, 2018 - Calculus 8:00am, French Language 12:00pm, Spanish Literature 12:00pm

May 16, 2018 - English Language 8:00am, Macroeconomics 12:00pm

May 17, 2018 - World History 8:00am

Semester Exams:

**No students are permitted to take their tests early.

May 22nd (Seniors Only)

1st-4th Period Reviews

5th-8th Period Exams

May 23rd (Seniors Only)

1st-4th Period Exams