



Washoe County
School District's
Online School

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Dear North Star Seniors, Early Graduates, and Families,

This letter provides helpful and important information regarding Graduation 2023 for North Star Online School students and families.

GRADUATION 2023: Any North Star student who has successfully earned the 23 required credits, taken the required ACT + Writing exam, and civics exam qualifies to receive a Washoe County School District diploma from North Star Online School and may participate in the graduation ceremony on June 16th at 8:00am at Lawlor Event Center in Reno.

LAST DAY FOR SENIORS TO TAKE FINAL EXAMS: Graduates must complete all courses and take their final exams by noon on June 2, 2023, or sooner and be cleared for graduation.

BOOKS & TECHNOLOGY: Any books, laptops, or other supplies loaned to students from North Star must be returned to the school by Friday, June 9, 2023.

GRADUATION PRACTICE: June 13, 2023 at 2:00pm. To be held on the North Star campus, located at 5450 Riggins Court, Ste. 6, Reno, NV 89502

GRADUATION CEREMONY: The ceremony will begin at 8:00am on Friday, June 16, 2023

- **Graduates** must arrive by **7:30am, dressed and ready with caps and gowns on.**
 - **Students - Please come dressed for the ceremony** as there will not be a dressing room, we recommend putting your cap and gown on after getting out of the car (to avoid wrinkles).
- **Guests** may begin seating at **7:45am**
- **8:00am SHARP** graduation ceremony to begin

PARKING: Parking passes will be required to get into the parking lot/garage. There will be designated parking for graduates and their families with staffing and signage for assistance.

- **3 parking passes** allowed per family.

ADMISSION: Tickets will be required to enter. Guests are requested to be respectful and to stay through the entire ceremony, which lasts about one hour.

- **10 tickets** are allocated per each family.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FROM LAWLOR: The University of Nevada, Reno has implemented a new policy limiting the size and type of bag allowed for all events in an effort to provide a safer environment for the public and expedite entry into athletic venues.

For more information: <https://www.unr.edu/lawlor/visit/bag-policy>

Families and guests will not be permitted beyond the upper concourse. Plan to meet your student outside the upper concourse after the ceremony. No food or drink will be allowed inside Lawlor.

*Disabled guests may access through the South Entrance and use the elevator to the concourse level to find seating. Individuals with mobility impairment or adaptive devices will be allowed one guest to accompany them in the disabled seating area.

LAWLOR EVENTS CENTER BAG POLICY:

Approved Bags

- **Clear tote bag:** Plastic, vinyl or PVC that does not exceed 12" x 6" x 12"
- **Plastic storage bag:** Clear, one (1) gallon, resealable

- **Small clutch purse:** Approximately the size of a hand with or without a strap or handle. No larger than 4.5" x 6.5" and can be carried separately or within an approved plastic bag.

SEATING: Seating is on a first come, first served basis. It is highly recommended that family and friends arrive at the same time to be able to sit together during the ceremony.

LOCATION AND SEATING OF GRADUATES: During the ceremony, graduates will be entering from seats directly in front of the stage.

GRADUATION PICTURES: Bell Photo will take pictures of graduates and provide purchasing information. A complimentary photo taken of students receiving their diplomas will be available in a few weeks at North Star.

NO BALLOONS, SCREAMING OUT, NOISEMAKERS OR OTHER SUCH DISTRACTIONS:

The use of these items or any other loud or disruptive actions may result in the individual or family being asked to leave. Please be respectful of all our students and their families.

WHAT TO BRING, WHAT NOT TO BRING: Please only bring your cap with tassel and your gown. Please do not bring any personal items, purses, backpacks, cameras, graduation gifts, etc. Students will not be able to carry these items into the graduation ceremony and it is not safe to leave items in the dressing rooms. Leave these items at home or with family.

- Food and drinks **will not be allowed** to be brought into Lawlor Events Center.

PERSONAL DECORATIONS ON THE GOWNS: Graduates will NOT be permitted to decorate the outside of their gowns. Washoe County School District Policy: Regulation 5128 states: **“Only medals, cords, sashes and/or similar type items of academic programs or organizations may be worn on the gown. All such items must be approved by the principal or his/her designee”.**

STUDENTS ARE ALLOWED TO DECORATE THEIR CAPS.

DIPLOMA COVERS and DIPLOMAS: As students walk across the stage at graduation, they will receive a diploma cover by a member of the Washoe County School Board of Trustees. Their actual diploma certificate will not be inside the cover. Students will pick up their diploma certificate immediately after the ceremony. Prior to the ceremony, we will show the students where they can pick up their diplomas. Any student who does not pick up their diploma at the ceremony can come to North Star to get it on or after Monday, June 19, 2023. Diplomas will not be mailed. Transcripts are not available through North Star, you must go to the WCSD page <https://washoeschoolsnv.scriborder.com/> to order your transcripts.

TICKETS FOR CEREMONY: Available for pick-up at the North Star office beginning June 9th or at graduation rehearsal on June 13th.

AFTER THE GRADUATION CEREMONY: Graduates will be escorted to meet their guests at the South Outer Upper Concourse.

NOTE: Receipt of this graduation information letter does not guarantee that your student will be graduating in June.

We thank you for letting us be a part of your students' journey. This year's graduating class has been a wonderful group of young men and women to know and work with. We wish you and your graduate the very best in the future. Should you have any questions, please call the school at 775-353-6900.

Sincerely,
North Star