



Washoe County
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Online School

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Dear North Star Seniors, Early Graduates, and Families,

This letter provides helpful and important information regarding Graduation 2024 for North Star Online School students and families.

GRADUATION 2024: 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 14 at 8:00 am 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 7, 2024, 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 Wednesday, June 12, 2024.

GRADUATION PRACTICE: June 5, 2024, at 11:00am. To be held on the North Star campus, located at 5450 Riggins Court, Ste. 6, Reno, NV 89502. Followed by a celebration lunch for all graduates.

CLASS OF 2024 CELEBRATION LUNCH: June 5, 2024, immediately following graduation practice. Stay and hang out with the Class of 2024 for our senior lunch from Port of Subs! We'll be enjoying some tasty submarine sandwiches, sipping on sodas, and having a great time. It's a relaxed way to spend some time together as we wrap up our senior year. See you there!

GRADUATION CEREMONY: The ceremony will begin at 8:00am on Friday, June 14, 2024

- **7:30 am:** Graduates must arrive, dressed and ready with caps and gowns on.
- **7:45 am:** Guests may begin seating.
- **8:00 am:** Graduation ceremony will begin.

GRADUATION GUEST PARKING AND TICKETS FOR ADMISSION: Parking passes will be required to get into the parking garage. There will be designated parking for graduates and their families with staffing and signage for assistance.

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

Admission tickets will be required to enter Lawlor for the graduation ceremony. Tickets can be picked up from the North Star office, beginning June 5, 2024.

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

GUEST SEATING FOR CEREMONY: Seating is on a first come, first served basis. Guests may reserve up to ten (10) seats until the beginning of the ceremony. After that time, seats may no longer be reserved. It is recommended that family and friends arrive at the same time, to sit together.

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. 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 Section 18 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 APPROVED BAG POLICY:

- **Information:** <https://www.unr.edu/lawlor/visit/bag-policy>
- **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.

GRADUATE SEATING: During the ceremony, graduates will be seated directly in front of the stage.

PICTURES: Bell Photo will take pictures of graduates in the ready room and will provide purchasing information to families. Additionally, a complimentary photo of students receiving their diplomas will be available through Bell Photo.

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

The use of these items or any other loud or disruptive actions may result in removal from the event.

STUDENT BELONGINGS: Please only bring your cap, tassel and your gown to graduation. Do not bring any personal items, purses, backpacks, cameras, graduation gifts, etc. as you will not be able to carry these items into the graduation ceremony and it is not safe to leave items in the ready room. Again, food and drinks **will not be allowed** to be brought into Lawlor Events Center.

PERSONAL DECORATIONS ON CAPS AND GOWNS: Graduates may tastefully decorate their caps, but are NOT able to decorate the outside of their gowns as per WCSD Policy, Regulation 5128.

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 in the ready room where they gathered prior to the ceremony. Tables will be labeled alphabetically and students will get in line according to their last name. 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 17, 2024. 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.

AFTER THE GRADUATION CEREMONY: Graduates will be directed 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 scholars 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,

Cristina Oronoz
Principal