

Reno High School Graduation
Wednesday, June 12, 2019, 10:30 a.m.
Lawlor Events Center

MANDATORY Practice: June 3rd - 1:40 - 2:30 Large Gym (for students who do not have 7th period)

To: Senior Class of 2019
Parents/Guardians of Graduating Senior Class Members

From: Linda Feroah, Assistant Principal

This information will be of use in planning and making the graduation ceremony successful:

1. After receiving your caps and gowns, **PRESS THE GOWN**. When worn, the gown should hang approximately 8 inches from the floor for all students. **GOWNS ARE ALL BLUE THIS YEAR –NO RED GOWNS.**
2. Prior to the graduation practice, return all textbooks and library books; pay all fines. **These obligations must be met before 2:30 p.m. on Friday, May 31st.**
3. GRAD REHEARSAL - There will be no rehearsal time at Lawlor so we are holding a mandatory rehearsal during 7th period Monday, June 3rd. Only students who have a 7th period will be excused from this rehearsal. Caps and gowns will also be distributed at this time.
4. **On the day of the actual ceremony, please have your cap and gown on a hanger as this will be your ticket for entry into Lawlor. Please arrive no later than 9:30 am on Wednesday, June 12th. Grad speakers should arrive by 9:15 am so they have time to practice on stage.**
5. All graduates are expected to dress appropriately for the ceremonies. *The following guidelines are advised: A dress shirt with a collar and necktie, dress slacks, dress shoes and socks or wear a dress, a skirt and blouse, a pantsuit, dress slacks and blouse, dress shoes or low heels.* They may **not wear flowers, pins, leis or other decorations** on the outside of the gown. Appropriate attire will be discussed at rehearsal. **PLEASE SEE MS. FERAOH IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS ABOUT ATTIRE. WE CAN ASSIST IN GETTING STUDENTS ANYTHING THEY MIGHT NEED.**
6. **Sunglasses will not be allowed.** Questions or concerns about appropriate wear should be directed to Ms. Feroah, Mrs. Edwards, or Mrs. Johnson.
7. Put the graduation cap well forward on the head, with the **SHORT POINT** almost between the eyebrows. For graduates with longer hair they will find it useful to have a supply of bobby pins for fastening the cap to their hair. National Honor Society pennants hang with the pennant in front and the drape in back. Honor diploma medallions will be distributed just prior to the graduation ceremony.

8. When the ceremony begins, the tassel should be worn over the LEFT eye; after the diploma cover is received, the tassel will be changed to hang over the RIGHT eye. This will occur after the Class of 2019 President so indicates.
9. While graduates are wearing caps and gowns, and throughout the ceremony, no gum or tobacco should be chewed. **Do not decorate your graduation cap.**
10. **As always no family or friends are allowed down below in the student area.** Students will have plenty of time after the ceremony for socializing and congratulations. PLEASE NOTE: We ask that graduates be dropped off in the front of the building. Parent/guest parking will be in one of the designated parking garages. Signage directing guests to the correct parking garage will be posted in several locations on N. Virginia Street.
11. Lawlor will open for general seating at 9:45 AM through the upper concourse. Access on the lower level is for graduates only.
12. When students are entering to “Pomp and Circumstance” and after they are seated, it is inappropriate to yell or wave at guests or friends. Students should face the stage and stand quietly until all members of the class and faculty have entered. It is traditional for guests of graduates to stand throughout the processional. There is a large screen on the stage so all guests will have an excellent view of the ceremony. Please do not come forward to take photos or film the ceremony as this will block aisles and cause a distraction. **Indeed, appropriate behavior is expected from all guests throughout the ceremony. The use of air horns, bells and other noisemakers, inappropriately loud shouting, the shouting of obscenities and other generally rowdy or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated by Lawlor Events Center security and/or School Police.**
13. Diplomas themselves will be issued to students after the graduation ceremony in a designated room outside of the main arena. We ask that guests remain seated while our graduates recess. They will then be led to a designated area to receive their diplomas and **return any ceremonial regalia**. (Students receive only the diploma covers during the ceremonies) In the case of graduating students who disrupt the ceremonies, students and their parents must pick up their diplomas from the Office of the Superintendent at a later time.
14. Following the ceremony parents and guests can meet and greet their graduate in the front of Lawlor Events Center.

BALLOONS AND METAL CONTAINERS (such as Hydroflasks) ARE NOT ALLOWED INSIDE OF LAWLOR EVENTS CENTER FOR ANY REASON.

We look forward to sharing this important afternoon with you.