

Reno High School Graduation
Friday, June 16, 2023, 6:30 p.m.
Lawlor Events Center

MANDATORY Rehearsal: June 9th - 1:00 – 2:30 Large Gym (during 7th final)

To: Senior Class of 2023
Parents/Guardians of Graduating Senior Class Members

From: Crystal Edwards, 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.
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 Tuesday, May 30th.**
3. GRAD REHEARSAL - We are holding a mandatory rehearsal during the 7th period block on Friday, June 9th. Only students who have a 7th period will be excused from this rehearsal. Caps and gowns and graduation tickets 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 5:00 pm on Friday, June 16th. Grad speakers should arrive by 5:00 pm so they have time to practice on stage.**
5. All graduates are expected to dress appropriately for the ceremonies and follow WCSD dress code regulations. Students should wear appropriate shoes – flip flops/beach sandals are not permitted for safety reasons. Students may **not wear flowers, pins, or other decorations** on the outside of the gown. NEW! **-Caps may be decorated. Decorations cannot be lewd, obscene, vulgar, profane, contain hate speech, promote violence, promote the use of illicit drugs, or create a substantial disruption with the graduation ceremony, or any other form of unprotected speech.**
6. **PLEASE SEE MRS. EDWARDS IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS ABOUT ATTIRE. WE CAN ASSIST IN GETTING STUDENTS ANYTHING THEY MIGHT NEED. Sunglasses will not be allowed.** Questions or concerns about appropriate wear should be directed to Mrs. Edwards, Ms. Borders, Mr. Hackbusch, or Mrs. Rooker.
7. Put the graduation cap well forward on the head, with the SHORT POINT almost between the eyebrows. It may be useful to have a supply of bobby pins for fastening the cap to their hair. Most graduation regalia will be distributed during Senior Week (May 30-June 2). Honor diploma medallions will be distributed just prior to the graduation ceremony.
8. Each student will receive graduation tickets and parking passes prior to June 10th. **All graduates can request 3 parking passes and 10 graduation tickets**-this is per approved school board direction.
9. 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 2023 President so indicates.
10. While graduates are wearing caps and gowns, and throughout the ceremony, **no gum, tobacco, or use of any vaping device will be permitted.**

11. **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. 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.
12. Lawlor will open for general seating at 5:00 PM through the upper concourse. Access on the lower level is for graduates only. **BALLOONS are NOT PERMITTED** inside Lawlor.
13. 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.**
14. 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 during our graduates' recession. 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.
15. Following the ceremony, parents and guests can meet and greet their graduate in front of Lawlor Events Center. 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.
16. *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

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>

- **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.

Live Streaming Information:

Reno High School Friday, June 16, 2023, 6:30pm <https://youtube.com/live/jen5Ri3n7c0?feature=share>

We look forward to sharing this important milestone with you.