

**NHHS**

Bringing education to life!<sup>SM</sup>

class of  
**2024**  
CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



# Graduation Venue

## Prologue

NHSA is proud to welcome its Class of 2024 and sends you our warmest congratulations on your student's accomplishments. Our ceremonies require a considerable amount of planning and coordination including the ordering of diplomas, diploma covers, and invitations, the purchase of caps & gowns, the reservation of a venue and a photographer, as well as the myriad of other matters that must be attended to well in advance of the event.

We urge you to register your student for our ceremony as soon as possible by completing the form that accompanies this information along with your payment. We may otherwise not be able to accommodate you.

## Venue

Our 29th Commencement Ceremonies will be held at the beautiful Wyndham Hotel & Resort, El Paso Airport, 2027 Airway Blvd., in the AV Theatre, on Wednesday, May 29, 2024. The Ceremonies begin promptly at 7 p.m.

# Graduation Venue

## Arrival & Seating

Graduating students must arrive, with caps and gowns in tow, no later than 6 p.m. There will be reserved seating for all graduating students. Students must take their seats shortly after their arrival. Quite often there are last minute instructions we have to cover and having students available is of the utmost importance. We may elect to have a rehearsal earlier in the day of the graduation. If we decide to do so, you will be told a week in advance.

Seating is limited but there are no other seating restrictions. . Graduating Seniors will be given first priority for number of guests, but all families with graduating students should confirm the total number of guests and attendees no later than one month in advance of the date of the ceremony. Should you fail to do so, we will count a maximum of four attendants for you and your family..

# Valedictorian, Salutatorian & Attire

## Top Graduating Students

The Valedictorian and the Salutatorian for the Class of 2024 will be announced by May 1, 2024. They may or may not be available to speak during the Ceremony and we may elect another way to honor these students. **NHSA** selects its Valedictorian and Salutatorian based on a point system that includes a review of the student's GPA, Community Involvement, and Character— a demonstration of exemplary conduct.

## Attire

Students must wear appropriate attire underneath their cap and gown. Young men, for instance, may wear a button-down dress shirt with a tie, slacks and dress shoes. Absolutely no tennis shoes will be allowed. Young ladies may wear a dress, or other dressy attire, and dress heels or flats. Dress sandals are acceptable. Jeans are unacceptable attire for either young men or young ladies.

# Diploma & Caps and Gowns

## Registration Form

Along with this information packet, you will be given a registration form to complete that tells us exactly how you want your student's name to appear on the graduation diploma. Please print clearly when completing this form. **NHSA** will not be responsible for diploma's that have incomplete or misspelled names if the name on the diploma matches the form you have given us. This form also requires you to give us measurement information we will need in order to order the student's cap and gown . Please make sure to complete this form in full.

Because diplomas, caps and gowns must be ordered well in advance of graduation, we must have your student's completed form no later than Friday, February 23, 2024. Your form must be accompanied by the participation fee of \$300.00 (for 8th Grade & High School Senior Graduates) or \$180.00 (for Kindergarten Graduates). This sum covers the Graduation Package costs including the Venue, the Cap & Gown, the Diploma & Diploma Cover, and Personalized Invitations (for Seniors & 8th grade graduates only). There will also be a photographer on hand to take pictures during the Ceremonies and of you and your family fol-

# Diploma & Caps and Gowns

allowing the Ceremony if you should so desire. You may also take as many pictures as you like.

## Graduation Pictures

It may take as long as 8 weeks to receive student diploma but we anticipate having the caps and gowns well in advance so that you may take your grad to a photography studio for personal photos if you wish. Since LifeTouch Photography no longer takes grad photos for our school, we are searching for a viable alternative and will make you aware if we are able to schedule one. The cost of graduation does *not* include personal, professional graduation photos.

# Invitations & Ceremony Pictures

## Invitations

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All Seniors and 8th grade students will receive 25 custom Commencement Ceremony Graduation Invitations to give out to family and friends or to have as keepsakes. These invitations will be ready for pick-up by May 10, and possibly sooner. We will contact you when your graduates invitations arrive.

## Ceremony Pictures & Video

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**NHSA** will have a photographer to take pictures of its Commencement Ceremonies. You and your family are welcome to ask this photographer to take pictures of you, and those accompanying you, at any time before or after the ceremony has concluded. **NHSA** will also take video clips during portions of the graduation. Four to eight weeks after graduation, we will post the pictures to the Gallery on our website and the **NHSA** Instagram and FaceBook pages, where they will be available for download.

If your student is a Senior who is “walking” but has not completed the Senior year, s/he will receive a provisional letter of graduation until such time as all requirements for **NHHS**A graduation have been completed. Once the requirements have been met, the actual diploma will be given to your student.

## Scholarships & FAFSA

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If you have not done so already, the time has come for you to consider colleges or universities your student would like to attend. We are available year round to help you transition to institutions of higher learning. Please make an appointment. We can help you apply for financial aid if you qualify, apply for scholarships, and select a college or university that most suits your career path.

## Transcripts

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Within the first 12 months of your graduation, we will send your official school transcripts to colleges or universities of your choice at no cost, regardless of the number of requests we are given. When this time period expires, you will incur a cost per school transcript requested.

# Texas Education Code

As a final word on transcripts:

When applying to colleges or universities, students often make the mistake of requesting transcripts prior to completion of their studies and when their GPA is compromised. This is especially true for students who have transferred to **NHSA** and have been with us for less than a year.

Please remember that when submitting an application you want to put your best foot forward. Do not request we mail out transcripts prior to your completion of high school if you are currently failing a class or if there is some chance that your current grades may favorably affect your GPA once your classes are complete. Some universities have strict GPA requirements and you will be zeroing out your chances of getting accepted if you jump the gun on your application.

## Education Code Chapter 51

**Texas Education Code Chapter 51.9241 (b).** Because the State of Texas considers successful completion of a nontraditional secondary education to be equivalent to graduation from a public high school, an institution of higher education must treat an applicant for admission to the institution as an undergraduate student who presents evidence that the person has successfully completed a nontraditional secondary

# SAT & Final Words

education according to the same general standards as other applicants for undergraduate admission who have graduated from a public high school.

## SATs

If you are planning on attending a college or university outside of our general community, you may be required to take the SAT or ACT. We can help you prepare and schedule for your test. Please advise us of your plans.

## In Closing

In closing, please feel free to contact us if you or your student have any questions whatsoever related to the upcoming Commencement Ceremonies in general or particular graduation requirements in specific. Right now, graduating students are our principle focus.

We are proud to have you as a part of the Class of 2024.