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Dear Parents:

The Houston County School District would like to express our sincere congratulations to you and your graduating senior as they approach yet another milestone on the road to adulthood. This is an exciting time, and you should feel very proud of your graduate's accomplishments. Graduation ceremonies are an important achievement in a student's academic journey, and we appreciate your partnership in setting the tone for a memorable experience for our graduates and their families.

Below, you will find a list of ceremony guidelines that will help to reinforce the significance of this special occasion for every graduate. School administrators and staff will also review these expectations with students in advance of the ceremony.

- Each graduate will receive tickets for their respective graduation ceremony. Schools will provide additional information as we get closer to graduation.
- Each high school will share the graduation dress code with every student.
- Students should arrive promptly one hour prior to the ceremony at the designated location. This information will also be shared by the school.
- Family members are encouraged to arrive no earlier than one hour prior to the ceremony. Please allow time to park, secure your vehicle, and find your seats prior to the ceremony. Trolley rides will be available between the parking lot and the Arena.
- Please remember only clear bags are allowed inside the Arena.
- We ask that everyone remain seated once the Senior Processional begins. This will help ensure that all guests are able to see their graduate as they enter.
- Please do not bring balloons, flowers, noisemakers, signs, or banners to the ceremony. Those items are not allowed inside the Arena.
- Seniors, their families, and friends should show respect for all graduates during the ceremony. We appreciate your help in ensuring that each graduate's name can be clearly heard by their loved ones.
- To preserve the experience for all attendees, individuals who disrupt the ceremony or who do not follow these guidelines may be asked to leave.

Above all else, we ask that students and their guests help maintain an atmosphere of respect and dignity that reflects the importance of this milestone. Please remember that the ceremony will begin promptly at the specified time. Graduation ceremony and practice times can be found at www.hcbe.net/graduation. This page will also contain a link to a live stream of the ceremony that can be shared with friends and family.

We look forward to joining you as we celebrate each of our graduates.

Sincerely,

Dr. Richard Rogers
Superintendent of Schools

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