



Thunderbird
High School

May 20

2024

You are educated. Your certification is in your degree. You may think of it as the ticket to the good life. Let me ask you to think of an alternative. Think of it as your ticket to change the world.
-Tom Brokaw

Diamond Desert Arena
9400 W. Maryland Ave
Glendale AZ
3:00 pm

THUNDERBIRD
TITANS

THUNDERBIRD HIGH SCHOOL

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DOORS OPEN FOR GUESTS AT 2:15 P.M.
PROCESSIONAL STAGING BEGINS AT 2:45 P.M. SHARP
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Graduation gowns and caps **should not** be worn before check in. If your cap must be pinned be sure to leave time to do so.

GRADUATION GUIDELINES

Graduates

Graduates will be allowed to enter 45 minutes prior to the graduation ceremony. **Parking will be \$10.00 per vehicle and CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Parking is free for graduates.** Graduates and guests can park in Lot G. Graduates may enter through Gate 7 and guests may enter through Gate 4.

Participation

Each of you should know that participation in commencement is entirely optional, and there is no penalty if a parent/guardian and or student prefer not participate in the ceremony. A parent **must** inform Ms. Bjork, in writing, that the student will not take part in the ceremony. Students who do not participate, may pick up their diploma in the Record's office after May 21st.

Dress

Graduates must observe the following dress code if they wish to participate:

For women: Skirts and blouses, dresses or pant suits. Strapless dresses are not encouraged.

For men: Dress shirts, preferably with a tie, and dress slacks.

For all participants: Dress shoes must be worn. No tennis shoes, flip-flops, or denim will be permitted.

What the graduate needs to bring to the facility

Graduate should only bring himself/herself dressed appropriately and cap and gown.

-Do NOT wear cap and gown into the building!!!

-Leave clothes hangers, food, beverage, sunglasses, gum, cell phones, and other items in the car.

-Leave purses or bags in the car, but be sure you have your **CAR KEYS** with you.

Inappropriate Behavior

Any student found to have been drinking, be under the influence of any drug, or possessing alcohol or drugs of any kind will not be permitted to participate and could be reported to the local authorities.

Consequences of Behavior

Student exhibiting disorderly or disruptive behavior will be removed from the ceremony. We do not want to remove anyone but will if necessary. Any behavior that attempts to draw unnecessary attention to himself/herself will not be tolerated. Parents, we are asking for your understanding and cooperation in these issues.

Tickets

Guests will be allowed into the facility by ticket only. Students will receive the ticket request sheet on Tuesday April 16th. Please list the name of each guest and the relationship to you. Students will receive 6 **tickets for free, any additional tickets may be purchased for \$5.00 per ticket in the bookstore.**

Students must show their 23/24 student ID or driver's license to receive their tickets. Please do not use the tickets as graduation announcements. The school reserves the right to review the guest list and deny entry of a guest to the ceremony.

Guests

Guests must be appropriately dressed for admission to the graduation ceremony. Those who come wearing cut-offs, flip flops or tee shirts with obscene wording or pictures will be turned away. If guests have strollers please check in at gate 3. All strollers will be checked in and out.

Please do **not** bring **balloons** or other gifts to the ceremony. These items will **not** be allowed into the arena, and guests will be asked to leave the items in their vehicle. Guests under the age of 18 must be accompanied by and sit with an adult.

Spectators are asked to act with restraint and not applaud, call out, whistle or use an air horn during the reading of the graduates' names. It is devastating to a family to have their graduate's brief moment stolen by someone's outburst and is very disruptive to the spirit of the ceremony. It simply should not occur.

Professional Photographer

A professional photographer has been contracted to take a photo of each graduate upon receiving their diploma. These photos will be available to order and the cost of the photo packets will vary. In addition, the ceremony will be recorded and made available through an order form. Parents and guests may **not** come down to the floor or stand in the aisles to take photos or set up video cameras. Picture information will be distributed to students when students pick up their graduation tickets.

Special Needs

- The facility is set up to adequately accommodate seating for the handicapped. Please contact Mrs. Stevens at (623) 915-8922 if you have a guest with special needs.
- Handicap parking is available in lot G. There will also be handicap assistance when entering the arena and designated areas for them to seat.

Notes from Desert Diamond Arena: Please read carefully

- All attendees will be required to go through a security magnetometer and no bags. Only medical needs that might need a bag will be allowed, but will be searched.
- Venue will charge \$10 per vehicle for parking. Parking revenue to be fully retained by venue.
- Venue will provide physical tickets to GUHSD to distribute directly to students and friends/family for each graduation ceremony to ensure entrance into the arena (Tickets will be available a week prior at the latest)
- GUHSD agrees to comply with the venue's ejection policy if any GUHSD employees, students or graduation attendees refuse to abide by the venue's health and safety protocols.

Important Dates to Remember

Tuesday, April 16th	Graduation Information packets handed out in the Gov/Encon classes. Ticket Request Forms will be handed out. Any student not in attendance for the meeting will need to schedule an appointment with Mrs. Bjork. **It is the student's responsibility to schedule the appointment.
Friday, April 26th	Ticket request forms must be returned to Government/Economics teachers. **request forms must be signed by parent/guardian.
Monday, April 29th	Graduation Parent Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the main auditorium.
Monday, May 6th	Honors and Awards Ceremony in the Main Auditorium at 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 15th	Senior Final Exams- Periods 4/5, 6, 7 **Regular school day for grades 9 - 11
Thursday, May 16th	Senior Final Exams - Periods 1, 2, 3 *Seniors dismissed after 3 rd period. -Remove all personal items from lockers. - All debts must be cleared with cash through the Bookstore
Thursday, May 16th	Books and Senior Check-Out process through the Bookstore.
Friday, May 17th	Senior Lunch/ Practice 12:30 pm -Cap and gowns distributed following the meeting in the lobby of the Main Gym. **we cannot guarantee how many additional tickets will be available.
Monday May 20th, 2024	GRADUATION DAY!!!! Seniors check in at facility at 2:15 p.m. Ceremony begins at 3:00 p.m.

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