



## **Bellaire High School Class of 2015 Graduation**

### **Graduation at Bellaire**

The Bellaire High School Class of 2015 will graduate on Saturday, May 30th at 7:00 p.m. at NRG Stadium. The ceremony will recognize the members of the class as they receive their diplomas and complete their high school education. Families and guests do not need a ticket to attend graduation. The ceremony should last no more than 2 hours.

### **Appropriate Dress**

Caps and gowns will be distributed on Thursday, May 22 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Seniors are expected to take care of fines and other obligations and turn in their signed Senior Check Out Sheet to obtain their cap & gown.) The gown should be hung on a hanger to help remove the wrinkles. The cap should have a tassel worn on the left side before graduation. Nothing is to be added to the cap or gown. Members of the National Honor Society will be wearing a cord, IB Diploma Seniors will be wearing a stole. Seniors are expected to wear "dress" clothes and "dress" shoes with their gown. Nothing is to be taken into the arena under the gown that will be brought out later to distract from the ceremony. Seniors are **not allowed** to carry a cell phone with them during the graduation ceremony.

### **Pictures**

There will be a professional photographer on stage to take a picture as the diploma is presented to each graduate. Parents will be given the opportunity to purchase a copy of the picture. It is our hope that family members will be able to relax and enjoy the ceremony and not worry about taking pictures since these professional pictures will be available. Family members will not be able to go onto the floor to take personal pictures.

### **Behavior of Seniors**

Seniors are asked to enter NRG carrying their cap and gown and car keys if applicable. No electronic devices will be allowed including cell phones, cameras, iPods etc. You will be told to take these items back to your car, so do not try to bring them in. HISD security will be screening all seniors as they enter the stadium. Do not bring in any prohibited items that you would not be allowed to have at school such as pocket knives, tobacco products or e-cigarettes, alcohol etc. Being in possession of any prohibited items may result in losing your opportunity to participate in this graduation exercise. We are expecting that all members of the senior class will show appropriate behavior during the ceremony. It is our expectation that all students will honor the wishes of the majority and help create a "ceremony" that is in keeping with the dignity of the occasion. Students who interrupt the ceremony may be asked to leave the ceremony and/or their diplomas may be withheld until a parent conference can



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be held at a later date. All graduates are expected to stay for the entire ceremony.

### **Parking for Seniors, Families and Guests**

Enter the NRG complex through Entrance 9. Traffic control will route you to parking assigned for Bellaire's graduation. (Lots 22, 23, and 17) Please note that parking is \$12 (cash only) and NRG recommends that you bring exact change. Seniors should arrive at NRG at 5:30pm and enter through the Amegy Bank Gate. Families and guests will also enter at the Amegy Bank Gate any time after 5:30pm.

### **Parking and Seating for Individuals with Disabilities**

Please follow the guidelines above. Parking for individuals with disabilities will be available in LOT 18. Traffic Control at the stadium will route vehicles with permits to this lot. NRG Stadium is ADA Compliant and will meet the access and seating needs of our families and their guests. Please see Parking Map for more information.

### **Seating for Family Members**

Family members and guests will be directed to seating areas 130 and 131 in NRG. Members of the graduating class will be directed to the Service Level and seated on the floor. Families who have a number of members attending the ceremony are encouraged to arrive together. We discourage holding or "reserving" a large number of seats for late arrivals.

### **Audience Behavior**

We ask that family members and other spectators help keep the ceremony in good taste. Horns or other items that might interrupt the graduation are not allowed into NRG. All students deserve to have their friends and family members hear their name as it is read. Students who are performing or delivering a speech deserve to be heard by everyone in the audience.

### **After the Ceremony Ends**

After the closing, guests are invited to meet and to congratulate the new graduates outside NRG between the Ford Gate and the Amegy Bank Gate. We recommend looking at the parking and facility maps and selecting a meeting place outside the stadium. Remember seniors will not have cell phones in their possession.

# Parking at NRG Stadium



## Entrance 9 – Parking Entrance for BHS Graduation

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## Arrival and Departure Information at NRG Stadium

Arrival:

Amegy Bank Gate = ★

Graduates and guests enter through two different doors at the **Amegy Entrance**.



Longhorn sculpture right outside Amegy Bank Entrance



Departure:

Ford Gate = Exit

We recommend selecting a meeting place after the ceremony between the Amegy & Ford Gates.

Reunion Area

