



Kinder High School  
for the  
Performing and  
Visual Arts

# HSPVA 2023

## Senior Commencement Activities & Graduation

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**Monday, May 15, 2023**

**Senior Art Area Reception & Senior Awards (For senior students and their families)**

**Senior Art Area\* Reception:**

6:00 pm

Join your art area for a final celebration and reception before graduation. All seniors are invited along with their families. An evening of fellowship and fun will be hosted by art area faculty and HSPVA Friends Guilds.

\*Theatre Department Seniors – No art area reception on May 15. Theatre Awards will be distributed on May 19 at the Thespian Induction. Details will be provided by the Theatre department.)

**Senior Academic Awards:**

7:15 pm

(All are welcome to attend, but seniors receiving an award will be notified by invitation.) Join us right after your Art Area Reception in the Denney Theater for a special evening of academic recognition presented by administration, community partners, and academic faculty.

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**Thursday, May 18, 2023**

**Senior Finals (Gray Day)**

**FINALS – Exempt Seniors in the Denney**

7:50-9:50

All English classes Final Exam – Commons/343

10:00-12:00

All Government Final Exams – Commons/343

12:00 -12:30

Lunch/*Senior Early Dismissal*

12:30 – 3:30

5<sup>th</sup> Academic Final in 343 (*If Necessary*)/ Seniors clearing NG's – Seat Time 343

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**Friday, May 19, 2023**

**Senior Finals (Red Day)**

**FINALS – Exempt Seniors in Denney**

7:50-9:50

All Math Final Exams – Commons/343

10:00-12:00

All Science Final Exams – Commons/343

(12:30-3:30

Seniors clearing NG's – Seat Time 343)

12:00-1:00

Lunch/*Senior Early Dismissal*

1:15 -2:15

Vocal Spotlight – *Seniors may opt out*

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**Monday, May 22, 2023**

**Senior Picnic & Activities (For senior students only, no guests, please)**

**Activities in the Commons**

7:50 – 10:00

Laptop Collection: Seniors must bring laptops and chargers issued by HSPVA to turn in to Mrs. Patel. Make sure any stickers or decals are removed.

Signing Day: Seniors will have an opportunity to color and decorate their university logo and post it in the Commons. Wear your college gear!

Yearbook – Seniors will receive their yearbooks (if purchased) and have time to sign each other's yearbooks. Bring pens and markers if you'd like!

**Senior Picnic and Senior Happening at Discovery Green**

10:00-1:00 PM

Seniors will walk over to Discovery Green to enjoy the Senior Picnic. Bring footballs/soccer balls/frisbees/blankets/comfy shoes/sunscreen/hats and an appetite! We will serve BBQ!

Our final Happening will occur on the main stage at Discovery Green.

Early dismissal after picnic – *Reminder that any senior parked in the PVA parking garage must exit the garage before 6pm.*

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**Tuesday, May 23, 2023**

**Cap & Gown and Denney Activities (For senior students only, no guests, please)**

**Cap & Gown Distribution**

7:50-9:00AM

Visit Mrs. Landry's room in 463 to receive your cap & gown. (Only students who have been cleared by Mrs. Patel for returning their laptops will receive their cap & gown.)

**Denney Activities**

9:00-12:00

Seniors will gather in the Denney one last time! They will receive final HISD updates and detailed information about the logistics of graduation tech rehearsal and graduation night. We will conclude with raffle prizes and a farewell to the Denney. Early dismissal by noon.

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**Wednesday, May 24, 2023**

**Graduation Tech Rehearsal (For senior students only, no guests, please)**

**Arrival to PVA**

7:45

Arrive on time to PVA and congregate in the Commons. Busses will leave PVA by 8:00am to Smart Financial Centre. Ensure you have all you need for a run through at SFC. (Instruments/costumes/equipment)

**Tech Rehearsal**

9:00-2:30PM

We will spend the day at the Smart Financial Centre. We will provide snacks, drinks, and lunch. Students may leave instruments and other bags overnight at SFC as the building will be locked and secured.

3:15 PM

Return to Campus

**Thursday, May 25, 2023**  
**Senior Breakfast & Graduation**

**Senior Breakfast (For senior students only, no guests, please)**

7:50-10:10AM

Seniors will enjoy breakfast in the Commons (provided by us). Admin and faculty will have some final surprises for Seniors. All Seniors need to bring their caps & gowns for Senior Breakfast. (It's helpful to label your cap & gown with your name so it doesn't get mixed up with others.)

\*Seniors with parking garage key cards will turn them in to Mrs. Salazar during breakfast. 10am dismissal.

**Graduation**

4:00-5:30PM

Seniors **must** arrive between 4:00-5:30PM. Parents may drop off their students or students may drive themselves. We will have snacks and drinks available for students.

**Be prepared for heavy traffic in the area and plan accordingly.**

6:00PM

Doors open to Smart Financial Centre for guests.

7:00PM

Commencement ceremony begins. It should last approximately three hours.

HISD will not be live streaming any graduations this year. A recording will be available for purchase. (see flyer)

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## Commencement Activities At A Glance

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15 Art Area Reception 6pm & Senior Academic Awards 7:15pm (Regular Dismissal)	16  (Regular Dismissal)	17  (Regular Dismissal)	18 Senior Finals  (Early Dismissal)	1 Senior Finals  (Vocal Spotlight optional) (Early Dismissal)
22  Laptop Return, Yearbooks, Senior Picnic & Happening  (Early Dismissal)	23  Cap & Gown Distribution & Denney Farewell  (Early Dismissal)	24  Graduation Tech Rehearsal  (Regular Dismissal)	25  Senior Breakfast Cap & Gown Farewell  (Early Dismissal at 10am)  <b>Graduation</b>	26  <b>Due to PVA underclass finals, after graduation seniors may NOT return to campus. Notification will be sent to parents when diplomas are available.</b>

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# Graduation Venue Policies

## BAGS

The SFC will not allow bags larger than 4inx6in on the day of graduation for students or guests.

Instruments and clothes will be allowed for seniors, but we recommend leaving everything that will be needed for the performances at the venue after Wednesday's rehearsal.

## PROHIBITED ITEMS

Guests are not allowed to bring weapons, including pocketknives or mace, to the graduation venue. Other items such as balloons, signs, noise makers, flowers, and outside food will not be allowed in the venue.

## FOOD & DRINK

No outside food or drink will be permitted inside. There will be a concession stand selling refreshments to guests.

## PARKING

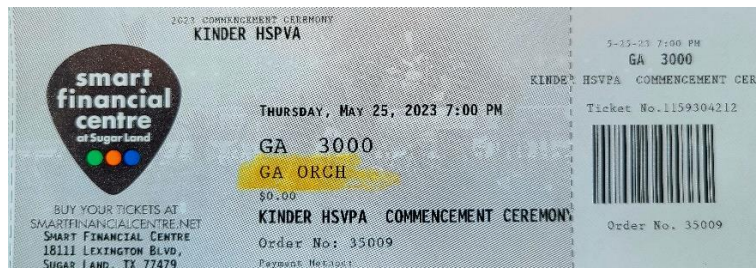
Parking is \$15 (credit card only)

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## Graduation Ticket Information

### Orchestra Tickets:

In the graduation packets, every student will receive eight (8) tickets that are General Admission for the Orchestra section. The first ticket will be highlighted in yellow. At 6:45PM any empty Orchestra seats will become available for any ticket holder. If you are not going to use all your Orchestra tickets, you may return them to the front office.



### Loge (Mezzanine) Tickets:

Dr. Rivas sent out a link to request up to 10 additional tickets for the upper seating section. If you requested extra seats, these tickets will be included in your packet. The first ticket will be highlighted in pink. If you did not request these tickets, please email Mrs. Salazar at [csalazar@houstonisd.org](mailto:csalazar@houstonisd.org). At 6:45PM guests with Loge tickets will be able to sit in any empty Orchestra seat.

