

### Graduation Protocol

1. Graduation exercise will take place on Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at NRG Stadium.
  - A. Graduates **MUST** ride a school bus from CTHS to NRG Stadium to participate in the ceremony.
  - B. Students may ride home with family from NRG Stadium, or a bus will be provided for those that need to ride back to CTHS.
2. Parent/Visitor Parking
  - A. Parking will be located in the South Kirby Lot.
  - B. **ALL** vehicles will be charged \$12.00 for parking.
  - C. Parents/Visitors will be allowed to enter NRG Stadium 30 minutes prior to the start of graduation.
  - D. CTHS will provide free bus transportation to NRG Stadium for any guest that would like to utilize it. You must call CTHS AP Office to make your reservation with name and phone number by Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. The bus will depart at 12:30 p.m. and a late bus at 1:00 p.m. for NRG Stadium, and return immediately after the ceremony.
3. NRG Park Security Checks at Entrance
  - A. **ALL** parents and visitors will have a purse, backpack, bag check upon entering the stadium.
  - B. Parents/Visitors are encouraged to leave purses, gifts, etc. locked in the trunk of their car or at home.
  - C. Wrapped gift boxes will be unwrapped for inspection by security.
  - D. No food, drinks or water will be allowed inside NRG Stadium.
  - E. **Flowers, balloons, noise makers and large signs will not be allowed in NRG Stadium.**
4. Handicap Seating
  - A. Handicap seating will be available.
  - B. Sections 105, 128, 130, 134, 136 & 137
5. Reminders
  - A. Be sure to check your cap and gown packets. Each should have a cap, a gown, and a tassel.
  - B. No phones, purses, cameras or car keys are allowed.
  - C. No gum during Graduation Exercises.
  - D. Please remind parents that pictures are to be taken only from the stands. Photographers are to remain in the stands. No one is allowed on the arena floor in the area of the graduates.
  - E. There is to be no whistling, yelling, waving, etc. Keep the occasion dignified.
  - F. There should be no displays that draw attention to yourself after you receive your diploma, such as raising your hands, gesturing to the crowd, etc.
  - G. Remind your parents to be seated before the Processional begins.
  - H. **There is a Recessional.** Students will be escorted to the front of the NRG Stadium at the Ford Exit, where parents can meet their child and pick them up. There will be alpha signs outside of the Ford Gate for guests to greet their graduate.

**A-D   E-H   I-N   O-R   S-Z**
  - I. Students will **NOT** be allowed back into the NRG Stadium after the ceremony to retrieve any personal items.

- J. Graduation is a very serious and most solemn occasion. It is very much like a religious ceremony and is very important for you, your family and friends. Your parents have sacrificed and have done much for you. Remember, you owe it to yourself, your family, friends, and Dr. Kirk Lewis Career and Technical High School to be at your very best and conduct yourself with dignity. Use your last moments together as a class to show appreciation to your teachers and say goodbye to your friends. Keep in mind that your permanent records will reflect any misconduct.
  - K. Please treat this occasion with the respect and dignity that it deserves. Please do not do anything that would deny you the opportunity to participate in graduation because you failed to treat this event with the respect that it deserves.
6. Consequences of Misconduct
- A. Graduates will be inspected during the line up before graduation. Any violation could result in a student being denied a chance to participate in the graduation ceremonies.
  - B. Records will be flagged and a letter will go on file. This letter of misconduct will be sent with any request for transcript.
  - C. In extreme cases, student will be cited by police for disorderly conduct.

# CTHS Graduation Dress Code

## **Guidelines for Girls**

- A. Girls must wear a dress or dark skirt. The dress or skirt should not go below the gown.
- B. Girls must wear dark colored dress shoes - No sandals, tennis shoes or flip flops.
- C. Girls are asked to wear small earrings and no excessive jewelry.
- D. Tattoos must be covered.
- E. No purses, cell phones or cameras.
- F. No strapless dresses or spaghetti straps on the dress.
- G. No writing of any kind on caps and gowns including decorations.
- H. No piercings other than the ears.
- I. No jeans, shorts, capris or leisure walking attire allowed.

## **Guidelines for Boys**

- A. Wear white shirt, dark tie, and black slacks. A tie must be worn. A coat is not required.
- B. Wear dark dress shoes and dark socks - No sandals, tennis shoes or flip flops.
- C. Be clean shaven. No facial hair is permitted. This includes mustaches and beards. (Shave before you leave home. There is no facility for you to shave. All shaving will be done using the dry method.)
- D. No cell phones, cameras or wallets with heavy chains.
- E. No jeans, shorts, capris or leisure walking attire allowed.
- F. No earrings or piercing of any kind.
- G. No writing of any kind on caps or gowns including decorations.
- H. No belts with large buckles or studs may be worn.