



# Lawrence E. Elkins High School



## Graduation 2025 FAQ

### **What is the date, time, and location for Graduation?**

Saturday, May 31, 2025, at 9:00am  
Fort Bend County Epicenter  
28505 Southwest Fwy  
Rosenberg, TX 77471

### **What time do students need to arrive at Elkins HS?**

Students will be riding together via school buses this year to graduation from Elkins High School. This is a district requirement. Students need to be dropped off at Elkins High School at **6:00am** on the day of graduation in their cap and gown with all their graduation regalia. Students will be dropped off in the student parking lot in the back of Elkins HS.

*\*You may not enter or park on the bus ramp as that area is reserved for buses to transport the graduates to graduation.*

### **What side should I sit on to watch my graduate walk the stage?**

Every seat inside the Epicenter will allow you an optimum view to watch your graduate walk the stage. Seating is on a first come, first served basis.

### **Where do I park?**

Guests will park and enter at the East or West side doors of the venue lobby. There is no cost for parking this year.

*\*We do anticipate a high number of cars, so please arrive early and carpool if you can (please ensure in your carpool you leave 1 spot for your graduate to ride home with you after the ceremony).*

### **What is the student seating arrangement?**

Top 10 in Numerical Order (1, 2, 3, 4....)

Remaining Top 10% by last name in alphabetical order (A-Z)

All other graduates alphabetical order by last name (A-Z)

*\*Students graduating Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, Cum Laude will have this on their graduation walk card and it will be read aloud as they walk across the stage.*

### **What time can parents and guests enter the Epicenter to find seating?**

Doors will open for seating for guests 45 minutes prior to the start of the ceremony, which is 8:15am. Guests may enter from the East or West side of the lobby doors. Guests will need to go up the stairs upon entering the Epicenter to make their way to the seats. Seating is on a first come, first served basis. Please note all guest seating is located on the second level of the venue.

*\*Each guest will walk through a Weapons Detection System upon entering the venue.*

### **What about accessibility in the venue?**

There is accessibility seating located on the concourse level of the arena on both the East and West sides. Accessibility seating is available on a first come, first served basis. There are elevators, escalators, and stairs to get guests upstairs. Elevators are located near both the East and West entrances of the EpiCenter. Escalators are available as well. Please note the EpiCenter does not have wheelchairs to loan out to guests. Wheelchairs are only provided for medical emergencies.

### **What is the bag policy at the Epicenter?**

Per the EpiCenter guest policies, guests are encouraged to travel light and refrain from bringing bags. Should you bring a bag, they do permit a bag up to 4.5" by 6.5". Clear bags must be no larger than 12" by 12" by 6". Medical and parenting bags are permitted. All bags are subject to security search upon entry. This policy is subject to change at any time.

### **What can guests/parents bring into the Epicenter?**

Guests may bring small signs, banners, posters and flags may not be larger than 11" by 17" in dimension. Per the EpiCenter guest policies, the following items are prohibited from the venue:

- No alcoholic beverages/illegal drugs
- No outside food or beverages
- No weapons of any kinds or knives
- No items such as confetti, whistles, noisemakers, air horns, laser pointers, etc.
- No glass, plastic, metal containers of any kind (including vases, water bottles, reusable cups, and anything similar)
- No helium balloons, beach balls, banners, flags, oversize posters/signs, or similar items that would block the view of other guests
- No animals of any kind (exceptions for service animals for guests with disabilities)
- No baby seats, carriers, or strollers will be allowed in the guest seating area due to limited available space (Strollers brought into the building will be held in the lobby.)
- No coolers are allowed at the venue (please follow bag policy listed in the FAQs)
- No video recorders, audio recorders, camera/video tripods, selfie sticks, drones, flash photography, or similar items

### **What is the Epicenter posters/sign policy?**

Per the EpiCenter guest policies, they welcome guests bringing small signs or posters to show support during an event. The following rules relate to these items:

- Small signs, banners, posters and flags may not be larger than 11" by 17" in dimension
- Item must be relevant to the event
- Item may not be attached to a stick/pole
- Item may not obstruct any stadium or event signage
- Item may not be hung, attached, or displayed on any part of the building
- Item may not be commercial in nature
- Item may not contain or display obscene or offensive language and/or pictures as determined by EpiCenter management in its sole discretion
- Item may not be constructed or displayed in a manner that may obstruct the view of other guests or in any way create a safety hazard for others as determined by EpiCenter management in its sole discretion

### **What can the graduates bring with them to the graduation ceremony?**

Graduates cannot carry sunglasses, sunglass/glasses case in their pockets, or carry an umbrella. Graduates should not bring purses or bags of any kind, unless it is something for a medical reason. Students can bring their phone, but that is all.

### **What is the graduate dress code?**

Graduates should arrive with gowns off (all graduates will go through metal detectors upon arrival). No stilettos. Shoes must have a flat sole (wedges are allowed). Graduates must have proper clothing under their gowns. \*Caps and gowns should **not** be decorated in any capacity. Fort Bend ISD does not allow students to walk the stage who have decorated caps and/or gowns.

**What about Stoles, Cords and Medals?**

Graduates can only wear the stoles, cords and/or medals they were given by the school. Students who purchase their own stoles, cords, or medals will not be permitted to wear them during the ceremony.

**Where should I meet my student after the ceremony?**

Following the ceremony, all graduates will leave the venue, exiting the East and West sides. Reunification with your graduate will take place in front of the EpiCenter near the fountain.

**Will there be a live stream of the graduation to provide to family and friends?**

Yes. Please visit the Fort Bend ISD Graduation Page for the link. It can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/c/FortBendISDTX>.

**Will there be concessions available during the ceremony?**

Yes, concessions will be open with a limited menu. No outside food or beverages are allowed at the EpiCenter. The EpiCenter is cashless and only accepts major credit and debit cards, along with Apple, Google and Samsung Pay.

**Where can I order graduation photos of my student?**

Yes, guests can take photos from their seats. Guests are not allowed on the arena floor. Only Fort Bend ISD-approved photographers are permitted on the arena floor. Guests may not block or stand in the aisles or stairs to take photos. Marc Nathan Photographers, Inc. will capture each graduate's photo when they receive their diploma cover and after they exit the stage.

For more information, please visit <https://www.fortbendisd.com/Page/155605>.

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<https://www.gradphotonetwork.com/applus/register/direct/event/41911/27273413>. For questions, please contact Marc Nathan Photographers at [grads@mnathanphoto.com](mailto:grads@mnathanphoto.com) or call or text 281-549-2367. You can also visit their website at [www.mnathanphoto.com](http://www.mnathanphoto.com).

**Where can I find a copy of my graduate's commencement program?**

Digital programs for each graduation will also be linked below on the day of each graduation at <https://www.fortbendisd.com/Page/155605>.

**When will my graduate be able to pick up their diploma?**

Graduates will receive a diploma cover at the commencement ceremony. Diploma certificates will be available at Elkins High School from June 16-26 during business hours. Note: A student's transcript is the official documentation of graduation.

**Important Websites**

Fort Bend ISD Graduation Home Page – <https://www.fortbendisd.com/Page/106851>

Fort Bend ISD Graduation Live Streams, Digital Programs, and Graduation Photo Ordering – <https://www.fortbendisd.com/Page/155605>

Epicenter Information Page – <https://thefortbendepicenter.com/plan-your-visit/a-z-guide/#::~:~:text=Fort%20Bend%20Epicenter%20encourages%20guests,are%20permitted%20into%20the%20arena>.

**Miscellaneous**

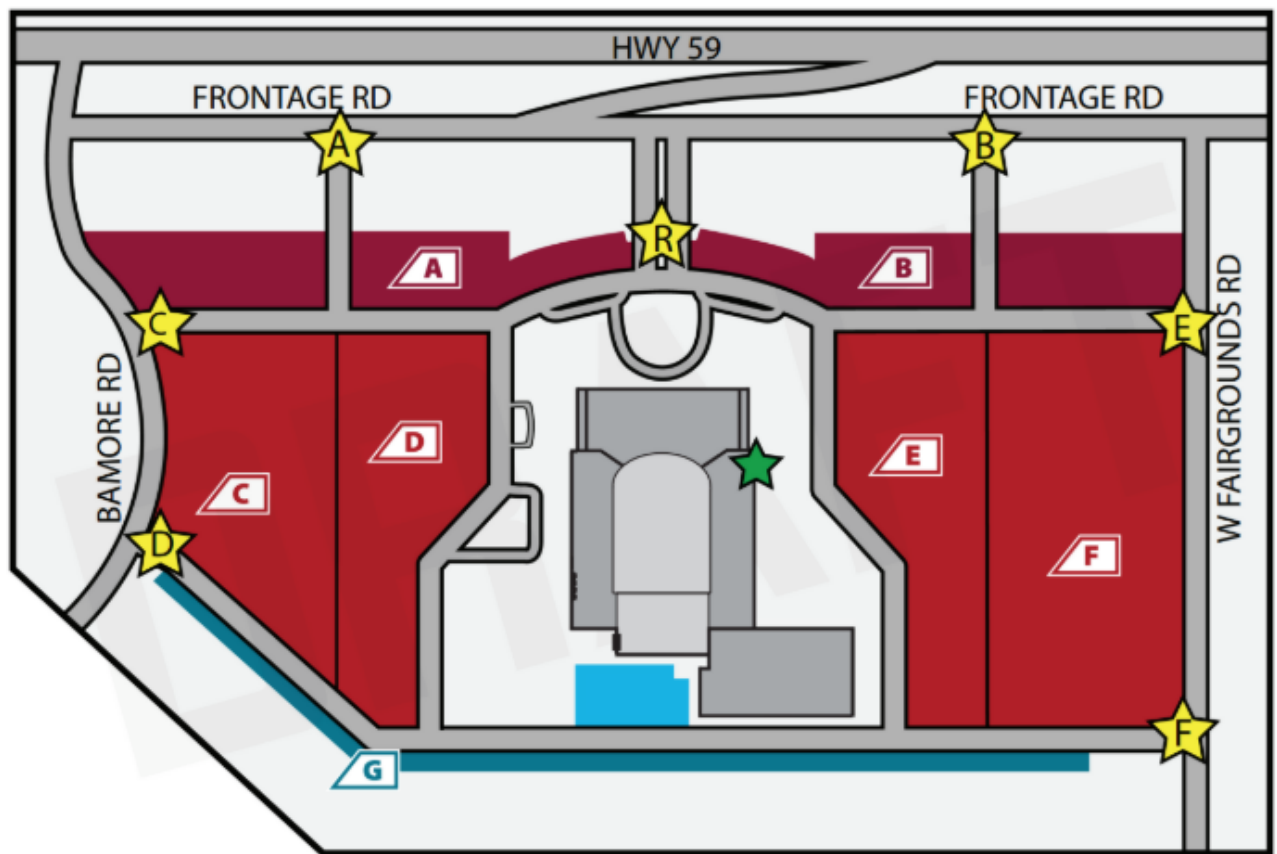
Tickets are not required to attend. Seating is on a first come, first served basis. Graduates must be in a cap and gown to walk in the commencement ceremony.

# Map of Epicenter

## Rideshare Map

Yes, guests can use a rideshare service such as Uber or Lyft. For all pick-ups and drop-offs, please give your rideshare driver the following instructions:

1. Please enter the Fort Bend EpiCenter's rideshare area through one of the following entrances:
  - a. Bamore Road (parking entrance C)
  - b. West feeder (parking entrance A; first parking entrance after the U-turn onto the U.S. 59 frontage road)
2. After entering the rideshare area, pick up and drop offs will be in front of the fountain (R on map).
3. After drop-off or pick-up, proceed to EXIT back onto the U.S. 59 frontage road.



**EXTERIOR  
PARKING MAP**

- ★ PARKING ENTRANCE
- ★ BOX OFFICE