Northside Independent School District  
John Jay High School and  
Science & Engineering Academy

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**FINAL EXAMS:** All seniors will take all exams unless they meet the exemption requirements. **Requirements:** no more than three absences during the second term (excluding school business absences), passing the entire school year of a full year one-credit course, student’s average for that semester is 80, conduct grade in that class for that semester is satisfactory or higher.

**CAPS & GOWNS:** Caps and gowns distributed April 16 & May 3, 2019, during all lunches. Jostens is the only company students should use to secure a cap and gown.

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**Graduation Ceremony – Thursday, June 13, 2019 – 2:00 PM Alamodome**

**Graduation Rehearsal - Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 8:00 AM Alamodome (Required)**

**GRADUATION REHEARSAL**

- Graduates must attend rehearsal to participate in the graduation ceremony.
- No visitors or parents are allowed at practice. Seniors may park in Lot “A” free of charge for rehearsal only.
- Seniors may ride the bus from Jay HS to the Alamodome. The bus will depart Jay bus loop at 7:00AM.
- Students must sign up to ride the bus in the Assistant Principal’s office (VPO).
- Normal school dress is required, no facial piercings, hair must be all one natural hair color – students out of dress code will not participate.

**GRADUATION CEREMONY**

- Thursday June 13th at 2:00PM in the Alamodome. Report no later than 1:00PM.
- Graduates should be in line no later than 1:15PM.
- Dress for young men: Dark slacks, dress shirt and tie. No shorts or tennis shoes.
- Dress for young ladies: Sunday best, event appropriate. No shorts or tennis shoes.

**BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS**

- Graduation is a solemn and dignified ceremony; students should dress as if they are preparing to interview for an important job. Facial piercings (other than earrings) will not be tolerated.
- **Students are expected to observe proper etiquette during the entire graduation ceremony.** While they are on the stage and receiving diplomas, students must keep their hands at their sides at all times. The only time hands may be lifted is when students are receiving diplomas from school board members and shaking hands with the superintendent. **Students who raise their hands above the waist for any reasons, other than receiving the diplomas or shaking hands, will be removed from the graduation ceremony.**
- All students are expected to demonstrate a high degree of maturity and behave appropriately. Don’t cause embarrassment to yourselves, your family and your fellow classmates by being removed from this very special event.

**NON PARTICIPANTS:** Graduating seniors not participating in the ceremony should pick up their diploma in the Jay HS Principal’s Office no earlier than Monday June 17, 2019 between 8:00AM and 4:00PM. A photo ID is required to pick up diploma and diplomas will not be mailed.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Any senior receiving a scholarship offer should notify Brandee Flores, (brandee.flores@nisd.net) in room E104 no later than Monday, May 6, 2019, in order for scholarships to be announced at graduation.
PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Seniors with perfect attendance from Kindergarten - 12th grade should contact Linda Weston, Principal’s Secretary, no later than Thursday, May 2, 2019, (linda.weston@nisd.net)

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: In order to participate in graduation ceremonies, a senior must meet all TEA requirements to include appropriate courses and meet requirements of the Exit Level TAKS/EOC tests. Counselors will notify seniors not meeting graduation requirements by the end of the day Monday, June 10, 2019.

PHOTOGRAPHS: A professional photographer will take a picture of each senior as he/she receives their diploma. The purchase of this picture is optional. Information will be given to the students at rehearsal. No one will be allowed on the floor to take pictures. All pictures taken by parents/friends must be done from the stands.

DVD or Blu-ray: The ceremony will be recorded and copies of DVD or Blu-ray may be purchased.

- In-Person Orders-$25.00 per DVD or Blu-ray (check, money order, or exact cash). In-person purchased located at Central Office, 5900 Evers Road, San Antonio, TX 78238-1606.
- Mail Orders-$27.40 per DVD or Blu-ray (check or money order only) This includes $2.40 shipping and handling charge per DVD or Blu-ray.
- Online orders go to: https://nisd.net/parent-connection click on the DVD & Blu-ray Sales link located under the Online Payment section (a convenience fee of 3.75% is added to total cost for any online order)

Mail to: Communications Dept., 5900 Evers Road, San Antonio, TX 78238-1606. Complete the coupon below and mail with a check or money order payable to Northside ISD. For questions, call 397-8550.

OTHER ITEMS
Doors for parents and friends attending graduation at the Alamodome will open at 2:00PM on the day of graduation, Thursday, June 13. Seating is on a “first come, first serve” basis. Parking is available for $20 at all lots around the dome. Parking is not available in lot “A.” Due to heavy traffic, parents are encouraged to arrive early. At all times, the audience should give proper respect to any person speaking at the podium by politely and quietly listening to what each speaker says. Please remember that noise makers (horns, bells, etc.) of any kind are not allowed in the Alamodome. Please observe the recently implemented Alamodome Clear Bag Policy. Also, remember that loud, crude, obnoxious and inappropriate shouting of names or other remarks do not add to the ceremony, but disrupt. Let’s make this the most dignified graduation ceremony we’ve ever had.

Respectfully Yours,

Jay P. Sumpter
John Jay High School Principal

Teresa Cuellar-Hernandez
Jay Science & Engineering Academy Principal