

CLASS OF 2024 COMMENCEMENT

It is a district honor to be a member of the 2024 graduating class of Raymond S. Kellis High School. With this distinction also comes great responsibility in making the commencement a success. A successful commencement is well-planned, practiced, and devoted to reverence. Please review the guidelines and expectations below with your family members to ensure a memorable and joyous class of 2024 graduation ceremony.

GUIDELINES AND EXPECTATIONS:

1. Participation in the graduation ceremony is not mandatory; however, if you are not participating, please notify Mrs. Goble in the principal's office as soon as possible.
2. Graduation practice will begin at 7:30 AM on Monday, May 20 at the **RSK Football Stadium**.
3. **All seniors planning to participate in the graduation ceremony must attend practice.**
4. Commencement will begin at 4:30 PM on Wednesday, May 22nd at the State Farm Stadium. Students are to report to the stadium no later than 3:30 PM. Doors Open for Guests at 3:30 PM.
5. **Students still owing fees will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.**
6. Ladies are to wear a dress, skirt and blouse or dress pants and blouse with appropriate shoes. Absolutely NO flip flops or tennis shoes. Please keep hairstyles simple so that the graduation cap will fit properly. Gentlemen are to wear dress slacks, shined shoes with socks, and a collared shirt. Absolutely NO flip flops or tennis shoes. Students should not alter their graduation attire (cap, gown, stoles/lanyards, etc.). The Administration reserves the right to refuse participation to students who alter their apparel in ways that conflict with the spirit of the ceremony.
7. Students arriving for graduation in casual attire (jeans, T-shirts, sandals, flip flops, or tennis shoes) **will not** be permitted to check-in or participate.
8. All students will have assigned seating for graduation.
9. It is very important that each of you remember the seriousness of the occasion. Graduation is a CEREMONY. Graduating seniors are expected to conduct themselves in a mature manner. Disruptive behavior (any behavior which distracts from the ceremony) will not be tolerated. Stadium security will remove violators from the ceremony and stadium.
10. No one from the audience will be allowed in the graduate seating section at any time. A professional photographer will be on site to take photos, which will be available for purchase. You will be contacted by mail for orders. You are under no obligation to buy anything.
11. During the ceremony, you will be presented your diploma cover. Actual diplomas will be distributed immediately following the ceremony.
12. The Peoria Unified School District **DOES NOT** sponsor or support senior ditch day. Any student participating in this type of activity will be considered truant and subject to disciplinary measures. Remember, continued good attendance is important.
13. The Peoria Unified School District **DOES NOT** tolerate negative and irresponsible behavior which disrupts the educational process and/or defaces the campus. Any student participating in this type of activity will be subject to disciplinary measures which may result in losing the privilege of participating in commencement.