

## HTHS Class of 2025 Graduation Tuesday May 20, 2025 7:00 PM @ Husky Stadium

**Tickets:** 12 graduation tickets will be issued to each graduate at graduation practice. Five of the twelve tickets will be color coded/marked as "rain tickets". In the event of poor weather, the ceremony will be moved to Bryant Bank Arena (large HTHS gym) and each family will have five "rain tickets" to use. Tickets will be distributed at graduation practice on Monday, May 19th. They are not earmarked to any student so tickets may be given to someone else if students have extra. Children under the age of two will not require a ticket.

<u>Graduation Practice</u>: Graduation practice is mandatory for all students and will take place at 6:00 pm at the stadium on Monday, May 19th. Attendance is required & students should meet at the covered practice pavilion. Caps and Gowns / dress code attire are not necessary for practice. Practice will be under an hour and graduates will receive their graduation tickets and a sweet treat at the end of practice! <u>Attending graduation practice is required</u>. <u>All graduates</u> should arrange work and personal schedules so that they can attend.

<u>Arriving Guests</u>: The stadium gates will open at 6:00 pm for the 7:00 pm graduation ceremony. Everyone will be required to present their ticket upon entry. There will be no "will call" booth available. Ticket takers will not be able to hold tickets for friends/family members arriving at a later time. We highly recommend that graduates be dropped off between 5:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

<u>Dress Code</u>: There is a **required** graduate dress code for graduation. This is a formal event so adherence to the dress code is expected.

- Guys: Collared dress shirt with tie (White shirt/dark tie is recommended). Dark or khaki
  pants or dress slacks (*no jeans*). Neutral colored socks & neutral colored dress shoes or
  loafers (no sneakers or flip-flops)
- **Girls**: Dress with a hemline that won't show under the gown. No flip flops. Wear comfortable dressy shoes that are neutral in color. Dark pants with white shirt if not wearing a dress.
- **All students**: No decorations or additions to the tops of caps. Nothing worn on the outside of the graduation gown (i.e. around the neck) other than school-approved stoles

## and honor cords. <u>ALL GOWNS MUST BE ZIPPED UP COMPLETELY FOR PROCESSION & CEREMONY</u>

\*Please see Mrs. Morris if you are unable to purchase or borrow a tie or any other dress code item for graduation night.

<u>Graduates & Use of Cell Phones</u>: There will be **no phones** allowed to be out and visible during the ceremony. This is a <u>formal</u> ceremony and you will be expected to sit up in your seat and give attention for all speakers.

Parking: We highly recommend that graduates be dropped off between 5:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. at the practice pavilion located across Husky Parkway from the stadium. Field house parking is reserved for TCS employees and guests with a visible handicap placard. Graduate and guest parking will be at the stadium, Trussville Civic Center and the large high school lots. There will be a shuttle bus from the high school to the stadium.

**Very Important Note About Traffic:** Husky Parkway will close to through traffic at the stadium location at 6:30 p.m. so that the graduates can walk from the covered field to the stadium. Husky Parkway will remain closed until the ceremony ends. Guests that arrive after 6:30 p.m. should plan accordingly. As you all know, this area can gridlock quickly. Stadium/Civic Center parking will probably fill prior to 6:30, so entering Husky Parkway from Deerfoot Parkway and parking at the high school parking lot is recommended after 6:30 p.m.

Wheelchair Access/Handicap Seating: Wheelchair access and handicap seating are available. Either entrance, home or visitor, may be used. Guests must provide their own wheelchairs and assistance. Stadium ushers will be present to guide handicapped guests to reserved handicap seating which will be the bottom row on both sides of the stadium.

**For those unable to attend**: The graduation ceremonies will be live-streamed by Trussville Tribune at <a href="https://www.trussvilletribune.com/trib-tv/">https://www.trussvilletribune.com/trib-tv/</a> and Trussville Tribune's Facebook page. Their ceremony will also be live-streamed at the Trussville Entertainment District on the large screen.

<u>Diploma Pick-Up</u>: Following the graduation ceremony, students will proceed to the Husky Parkway end zone (diagram of stadium is attached below) where staff members will distribute each student's actual diploma. (the diploma cover given in the ceremony is empty). If you forget to pick up the diploma the night of graduation, graduates can come to the HTHS counseling office beginning the day after graduation. The phone number is 228-4026.

<u>Pictures</u>: The Belmont Studios photographer will be taking photos of your senior on the stage. In addition, families can join their graduates on the field for photographs after the ceremony.

