

Class of 2026 Commencement Ceremony Requirements

The 2026 commencement ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2026.

Location: College Park Center - The University of Texas at Arlington
600 S. Center Street
Arlington, Texas 76019

Time: 7:00 PM (Doors open at 6:00 PM) ****This is a ticketed event must have a ticket to enter****

All 2026 graduates must meet at Everman Joe C. Bean High School in the cafeteria by 2:00 PM on graduation day. Graduates are required to ride school-provided transportation to the graduation site.

Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal Dates, Times, and Location

<i>Tuesday, May 19, 2026</i>	Everman Academy HS	8:00 AM-Noon
<i>Wednesday, May 20, 2026</i>	Everman JCBHS – Auditorium	8:00 AM-Noon
<i>Thursday, May 21, 2026</i>	Everman JCBHS – Auditorium	8:00 AM-Noon
<i>Wednesday, May 27, 2026</i>	College Park Center - UTA	2:00 pm

Dress Code

The dress code for graduates is black and white, with black dress shoes. Tennis or athletic shoes are not allowed.

Female Graduates

- Black and/or white dress
- Black or white pants or skirt with black or white top
- Black dress shoes, black sandals, or black boots

Male Graduates

- Black and/or white shirt
- Black pants
- Black and or white necktie or bowtie
- Black dress shoes or black boots

All graduates are required to wear district-approved graduation regalia purchased from Jostens:

- Purple graduation gown
- Purple graduation cap
- Purple and gold tassel (to be worn on the right side of the cap before the ceremony)
- White graduation stole
- **Sunglasses are prohibited and will NOT be allowed at any time throughout the graduation ceremony.**
- **Graduation gowns must remain zipped up throughout the graduation ceremony.**
- **Mr. Brown and/or Mr. Rose must approve any attire that does not meet the above requirements.**
- **Anyone under the influence or who appears to be under the influence will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.**

Graduation Cap Decorating Etiquette and Decorating

Graduates who fail to follow the guidelines outlined below will be provided a replacement cap to be worn during the commencement ceremony. The building principal must approve all graduation cap decorations/designs. Approval will be determined on a case-by-case basis. (See guidelines and examples provided.)

Trace your cap onto cardboard and decorate it. If you make a mistake, you can start with a new piece of cardboard. We will NOT provide you with a new cap if you mess up while decorating. After you decorate the cardboard, attach it to your cap with Velcro tape or Velcro stickers, which can be purchased at any fabric store, such as Target, Walmart, CVS, or Walgreens.

Remember, the administration reserves the right to disallow anything deemed inappropriate for the commencement ceremony.

- No offensive language, sayings, nicknames, pictures, or lyrics
- No objects such as signs, stuffed animals, bells, or any 3D object may rest on the cap.
- ALL decorations **MUST LAY FLAT** on the cap. Nothing can lie perpendicular, allowing the decoration to be seen beyond eye level.
- Your cap **CANNOT** make noise. **No bells, horns, or anything that makes noise.**

The following are appropriate for decorating your graduation cap:

- Messages thanking a parent, grandparent, or teacher
- Photo or something that indicates the university you will be attending or your intended area of study
- A motivational quote

Note: Flowers and bows are allowed but must lie flat on the cap.

****All decorated caps are due to be turned in to Mr. Brown by May 9, 2026, to be stored till the graduation Ceremony on Wednesday, May 27, 2026.****

Examples of how to decorate your cap:



Examples of decorations that will NOT be approved:

