

The Bandera PROPHECY

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Bandera ISD changes graduation ceremony date
Community invited to park on Main Street for post-commencement parade

Bandera ISD has changed the high school graduation ceremony to Thursday, May 21. Originally scheduled for Friday, May 22, the event date was moved up due to a 50 - 60 percent chance of rain.

The “drive-in movie style” graduation ceremony will be held at Alkek Field, between Alkek Elementary and the BISD Transportation Facility, beginning at 7 p.m.

Each of the 141 graduating seniors will be able to bring in one vehicle. Each family will be issued a unique electronic ticket to be printed for admission to park in one assigned parking space.

Vehicles are limited to standard-sized cars, pick-ups, or vans. There will be no trailers or overly-large-capacity vehicles allowed. The number of people in each vehicle will be limited to the number of factory-installed seats and seatbelts available.

Tickets and vehicles will enter in the Transportation Facility driveway and checked by off-duty police officers.

The property has a natural slope, so vehicles toward the back are at a higher elevation looking downward toward the stage.

A concert-style sound system will be used (the sound system may be supplemented with a live radio broadcast through a local radio station).

A large screen, movie-style, will be set up to enhance viewing. The traditional BHS Graduation Ceremony will take place including student-led prayers, speeches, turning of the tassel, etc.

At the time to receive their diplomas, students will exit their vehicle and move toward the stage to receive their diploma. After receiving the diploma, students will return to their vehicles with their families. The

ceremony will be lived-stream for viewing from home or phone/
electronic device.

As the graduates and their families leave the venue, they are asked to turn north and drive through Bandera on Main Street. Graduates are invited to decorate their vehicles for the after-graduation parade.

The community is encouraged to come out (along Hwy. 173 and Main Street - depending on guidance by law enforcement), and maintain social distancing while holding up congratulatory signs, honking horns, waving, etc. Those watching the parade may be asked to remain in their vehicles. All families are asked to disperse immediately after driving down Main Street.