



# KERN HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## KERN HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION COMMENCEMENT

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Alternative Education Commencement Ceremony for students who have completed the Kern High School District Graduation requirements is set for May 26, 2026, at 7:00 pm at the *Dignity Health Arena, Theater, and Convention Center* in Bakersfield. You are receiving this letter because your student, who has maintained good attendance and passing grades in all classes, is eligible to participate in the commencement ceremony.

To participate in this Commencement Ceremony, your student must do the following:

1. Notify the site administrator at the school site by May 15, 2026, that your student will be participating in the commencement ceremony being held on Tuesday, May 26, 2026.
2. Order your students' cap and gown from Jostens, located at 1612 20<sup>th</sup> Street, between the hours of 3:00–6:00 PM, Tuesday–Thursday, or call 661-324-8529 to make an appointment. Each Continuation site has its own cap and gown of their color. Only approved caps & gowns will be allowed at the ceremony. Graduates are not allowed to alter their caps or gowns, nor wear non-approved items.
3. Your student must have completed all graduation requirements by May 15, 2026.
4. Pay all money owed by Friday, May 15, 2026. Tickets will be distributed by your students' School Site Administration once they have completed all graduation requirements.
5. Graduates must attend a mandatory practice on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 5:30 pm at the *Dignity Health Arena, Theater, and Convention Center* and must remain until the commencement ceremony concludes. The commencement ceremony will begin promptly at 7:00 pm.

*No balloons or air horns are allowed inside the Convention Center*

If you have any questions about the May 26, 2026, Commencement Ceremony, please contact your School Site Administrator.

Congratulations on your student being a potential graduate. We are looking forward to recognizing your student at our May Commencement Ceremony.

Regards,

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