


# Bakersfield High School

## Class of 2021 Senior Events and Graduation Information

Please note: Dates and information below are subject to change.  
 Please be sure to check your school email frequently for updates. All information and updates will also be posted in the Student Activities Building on campus, in the Virtual SAB in Canvas, and the BHS website at [www.bakersfield.kernhigh.org](http://www.bakersfield.kernhigh.org)

**For all events, including graduation: all participants and guests must wear a mask and maintain social distance.**

On Sale Now!	Buy a Senior Yard Sign! (Limited supply available)	Purchase online: <a href="https://bit.ly/NewDrillerStudentStore">https://bit.ly/NewDrillerStudentStore</a>
May 24 – June 4	Senior Final Exams	White and Blue Block Schedule
June 3 & 4	Senior Check Out & Yearbook Distribution at the SAB (Be sure to bring the Senior Checkout Sheet included)	1:00 – 3:30 p.m.
June 4	Senior Sunset at Morrow Field <i>(Must have sign up by May 28<sup>th</sup> to attend) Dinner will be served. Bring lawn chair.</i>	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
June 6	Baccalaureate & Academic Honors Recognition at Griffith Stadium <i>(Must have sign up by May 28<sup>th</sup> to attend)</i>	9:00 a.m.
June 7	Senior Check Out at SAB	8:00 – 11:30 a.m.; 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
June 7	Senior Virtual Financial Awards Night on official BHS Facebook page and on YouTube @DrillerASB	7:00 p.m.
June 9	GRADUATION at Griffith Stadium (Sign up by June 4 <sup>th</sup> ) <a href="https://bit.ly/BHSGradCeremony2021">https://bit.ly/BHSGradCeremony2021</a>  Graduation Livestreaming available for all friends and family at: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQ2IMuSS-IY-pBfn2KqVlxQ">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQ2IMuSS-IY-pBfn2KqVlxQ</a>	7:30 p.m. You can also Scan the QR Code below to sign up for Graduation: 

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to current guidelines, Seniors must sign up for senior events IN ADVANCE. This includes Senior Sunset, Baccalaureate, and Graduation. Click on or visit the provided links above **in BOLD** to sign up for these events. All sign-up links are also posted in the Virtual SAB in Canvas and on the BHS website, Class of 2021 information page under the “Activities” tab.

For questions regarding senior activities, please email BHS Activities Director, Anna Lovan at: [anna\\_lovan@kernhigh.org](mailto:anna_lovan@kernhigh.org).

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING GRADUATION GUEST ATTENDANCE AND SEATING:**

**Each Graduating Senior will be allowed up to four (4) guests (regardless of age).**

**Two (2) of the Graduate’s guests will be seated with the Graduate on the field and the other Two (2) guests will be seated in the stands on either the home or visitor side. Each Graduate MUST ARRIVE WITH ALL GUESTS when entering the stadium, no exception.**

Limited handicap parking and seating is available and requests for these will be submitted when you complete your Graduation Participation Form using the link or QR Code above. The handicap request is limited to 1 vehicle per Graduate in order to accommodate all who need it. If you have additional questions regarding handicap parking or seating, please call Amber Gearhart at (661) 324-9841 ext. 71033.

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# Bakersfield High School Commencement Ceremony Information

We are excited to hold our Commencement Ceremony for the Bakersfield High School graduating class of 2021.

In order to hold this event, we must adhere to strict state and local COVID-19 guidelines regarding social distancing and the wearing of appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) – including facemasks/coverings to ensure a safe experience for all attending the ceremony.

🎓 **PLEASE CAREFULLY THIS ENTIRE DOCUMENT THOROUGHLY REGARDING ALL EVENT REQUIREMENTS** 🎓

**DATE/TIME:** Wednesday – June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.  
(Gates will open at 6:00 p.m. and close promptly at 7:30 p.m., late entry will not be permitted until after the National Anthem and all graduates have been seated – late entry to the field is prohibited).

**PLACE:** Griffith Stadium and Field – Bakersfield High School

**SEATING:** The participating Graduate and two (2) guests (regardless of age) will sit together in pre-assigned seating on the field. Two (2) additional guests will be seated in the stadium. The Graduate **MUST ARRIVE** with all guests in order for guests to gain entry.

**HANDICAPPED PARKING/SEATING:** Sign up here <http://bit.ly/BHSGradCeremony2021> to reserve handicap parking and/or seating. Parking requests are limited to one (1) vehicle per Graduate.

You may also scan this QR Code to access the same sign-up form:



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION IF ATTENDING GRADUATION

- **MASKS:** Masks that cover the nose and mouth are required and must be worn by all attendees during the entire commencement ceremony. There will be masks available for anyone who arrives without one.
- **TO PARTICIPATE:** In order to have adequate seating for our graduates and their 2 guests seated on the field, graduates must sign up IN ADVANCE at <http://bit.ly/BHSGradCeremony2021> or by using the QR Code above. This link is also posted on the BHS Website [www.bakersfield.kernhigh.org](http://www.bakersfield.kernhigh.org). If you are having trouble, please call the school office at (661) 324-9841 for assistance.
- **CAPS AND GOWNS:** You must have a cap and gown in order to participate in the commencement ceremony – NO EXCEPTIONS. **Caps may NOT be decorated or altered in any way** and tassels should be worn to the left side of the cap. If your cap has been modified in any way, a non-modified cap/gown will be provided to you and the modified item held at the cap/gown distribution table until after the ceremony. **ONLY tassels, stoles, cords, medals, etc. pre-approved by the Kern High School District and Administration of Bakersfield High School may be worn at the ceremony.** All other items not pre-approved will be held at the cap/gown distribution table for the graduate to retrieve after the ceremony.

If you need to order a cap and gown, please contact the local Jostens office at (661) 324-8529.

If you are unable to afford a cap and gown, please call the school office at (661) 324-9841 and one will be provided to you.

- **GRADUATE ATTIRE: BOYS** – dress slacks, collared shirts, dress shoes or boots – no jeans. **GIRLS** – Dresses, nice blouse and dress slacks or skirt, pantsuits, dress shoes or boots – no jeans. **Girls may not wear high heels/stilettos.** Sensible dress shoes, wedge sandals, or boots will be required to participate. This is not a casual event, so please dress in appropriate attire so that you may participate in the ceremony. If you need assistance in acquiring appropriate attire or have questions regarding your selected outfit, please call the main office at (661) 324-9841.
- **BALLOONS/AIR HORNS/NOISEMAKERS/POSTERS:** Balloons, air horns, confetti poppers, and other noisemakers are not permitted inside the stadium. Posters/signs and banners of any size or type are also not permitted, as this will impede the view of others. This policy will be strictly enforced by BHS Campus Security and KHSD Police. Please advise your guests that entry into the ceremony with these items is prohibited and the attendee will need to take all non-allowed items back to their vehicle before entering with the Graduate.
- **KHSD COMMENCEMENT GUEST POLICY:** Each graduate will be allowed four (4) guests – regardless of age. Two (2) guests will be seated with the graduate on the field and two (2) guests will sit in the stands. There is no exception to this rule. Infants count as a single person, regardless of proposed seating arrangements. Only 4 guests will be admitted with the Graduate.

**PLEASE NOTE: STUDENTS MUST BE SIGNED-UP IN ADVANCE TO ATTEND THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY.**

**2021 SENIOR CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES BE SURE TO READ CAREFULLY:**

The process for turning in textbooks, library books, Chromebooks, hotspots, uniforms, athletic equipment, etc. will be different than in previous years. Prior to arriving on campus, please account for anything that has been checked out to you by the school. You will be required to be on campus for this process. Please bring with you, your student ID card (or have access to your Synergy mobile app) as proof of identification. You will complete your Senior Check-Out process, which includes turning in all BHS property and reconciling any outstanding debt you may have by following the steps below:

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE:** If there are any lost items that you will need to pay for, you may pay by cash, credit, or money order at your final stop – the Finance Office. NO CHECKS are accepted.

**Step 1: Athletic/Activity Clearance in the Student Activities Building.** Even if you have not participated in sports, you will need to have your clearance form signed by Mr. McDonald.

**Step 2: Chromebook/Technology Clearance in Warren Hall 18.** You will turn in your Chromebook, the power cord, headphones, and/or hotspot at this location. Regardless if you have not checked any of this equipment out at BHS, you must have your clearance form signed by either Mr. Climons or Mr. Watkins.

**Step 3: Textbook/Library Clearance in the Warren Hall Basement – Bookroom.** Here, you will turn in all of your outstanding textbooks, library books, and other checked out materials. Even if you have already turned in these items during the school year and have nothing to turn in now, you must have your clearance form signed by Mrs. Sutton.

**Step 4: Finance Office/Debt Clearance at the Finance Window of the Administration Building.** This is the final stop. You will not be processed unless all other signatures (mentioned in steps 1 – 3 above) have been obtained. In order to complete your check-out at BHS, you must meet with Mrs. Woody and have her signature verifying that all items have been returned or paid for.

Additional copies of the Senior Check-out form will be available on campus in the Student Activity Building when you arrive, if needed. Be sure to include your first and last name and UID on the top right-hand corner of the clearance form.

Available Senior Check-Out dates and times are listed below.

- Thursday – June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.
- Friday – June 4<sup>th</sup> 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.
- Monday – June 7<sup>th</sup> 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

<b>2021</b>		
<b>BAKERSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL</b>		
<b>END OF YEAR SENIOR CLEARANCE FORM</b>		
	<b>Student Name</b>	<b>UID#</b>
<b>GO IN THE ORDER BELOW:</b>	<b>CONTACT &amp; LOCATION</b>	<b>REQUIRED SIGNATURE</b>
<b>#1 Athletic/Activity Clearance</b>	<b>Mr. McDonald</b> <b>Student Activity Building (SAB)</b>	_____ <b>Cleveland McDonald</b> <b>Equipment Manager</b>
<b>#2 Chromebook/Technology Clearance</b>	<b>Mr. Climons and Mr. Watkins</b> <b>Warren Hall 18</b>	_____ <b>Eddie Climons/Phillip Watkins</b> <b>BHS IT Department</b>
<b>#3 Textbook/Library Clearance</b>	<b>Mrs. Sutton</b> <b>Warren Hall Basement</b> <b>Bookroom</b>	_____ <b>Brigette Leung-Sutton</b> <b>Bookroom Clerk</b>
<b>ALL REQUIRED SIGNATURES ABOVE MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE REPORTING TO THE FINANCE OFFICE</b>		
<b>#4 Finance Office/Debt Clearance</b>	<b>Mrs. Woody</b> <b>Finance Window</b> <b>BHS Administration Building</b>	_____ <b>Anne Woody</b> <b>Finance Clerk</b>

In order to receive your diploma, the entire clearance form must be completed in full and turned in at the Finance Office.