

GRAD NIGHT CELEBRATION FAQ

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT GRAD NIGHT CELEBRATION 2026

OVERVIEW

1. WHAT IS GRAD NIGHT CELEBRATION?

Grad Night Celebration is a fun, safe, and alcohol- and substance-free all-night celebration organized by RHS PTSA. The 2026 event starts around 9:45pm on June 15 (the night of graduation) and goes until the early morning of June 16. Grads will be transported from UW Alaska Airlines Arena by charter buses to one surprise venue where they will have about two hours of activities, entertainment, and food before being transported to a second surprise venue for another two hours of food and fun. Grads will then be transported back to RHS between 5:30-6:00am on June 16 after having a truly memorable end-of-year experience. For safety reasons, Grads must be picked up at RHS by someone who did not attend the overnight celebration. Grads will not be allowed to drive themselves home in the morning.

2. WHERE WILL THE GRAD NIGHT CELEBRATION BE HELD?

The location of the celebration will be a surprise until the buses arrive at the venues.

3. WHAT IS INCLUDED FOR THE PRICE OF GRAD NIGHT CELEBRATION?

The registration price includes transportation to two venues, food at each venue, and various types of entertainment and activities for Grads to enjoy!

4. HOW MUCH IS REGISTRATION?

The registration price increases as the date for the party gets closer. Prices are \$160 starting February 1, 2026. Prices go up to \$175 on March 1 and go up again to \$190 on May 1. Last day to register will be May 31, 2026. Financial assistance is available (see #5, below).

5. WHAT IF I NEED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ATTEND?

Anyone needing financial assistance with registration costs should contact the Grad Night Celebration committee at gradnight@redmondhsptsa.org or see their RHS counselor. Partial and full financial assistance is available.

REGISTRATION DETAILS

6. HOW DO I REGISTER?

Registration can be purchased online through the [RHS PTSA website](#) – see the Grad Night Celebration page under the Grads tab for a link.

7. WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS TO PAY FOR REGISTRATION?

When you register online, you can choose to pay via PayPal or by check. If you pay by check, you must deliver a check payable to RHS PTSA to the RHS Main Office portable and indicate the Grad's name on the check and/or envelope

within 2 weeks of registering. Failure to submit a check within 2 weeks of registration may result in cancellation of the registration.

8. WHAT IS THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER?

Sunday, May 31, 2026, will be the last day to register and pay for the Grad's registration.

9. WHAT IS THE REFUND POLICY?

There are no refunds.

REQUIRED FORMS

10. WHAT FORMS ARE NEEDED TO ENSURE I CAN ATTEND?

All Grads must have the following forms completed, signed, and turned in before being allowed to sign up for a bus or attend the celebration:

- Grad Night Celebration Release Form. The form should be signed by the Grad AND parent/legal guardian, regardless of whether the Grad is already 18 years old. Grads who turn age 18 between when they originally signed the release form and the day of the event will be required to re-sign the form at check-in to reaffirm their acknowledgment and acceptance of release as a legal adult.
- Emergency Care Plan Form. (IF NECESSARY) This form is only required for Grads with serious health issues and life-threatening allergies and the Grad will need to bring medication and/or their own food. It is also required for Grads who have a medical condition that requires any form of accommodation.

11. WHERE CAN THE REQUIRED FORMS BE FOUND?

Forms can be found on the RHS PTSA website on the [Grad Night Celebration](#) page.

12. HOW DO I TURN IN THE REQUIRED FORMS?

Completed and signed forms can be submitted electronically by email to gradnight@redmondhsptsa.org (preferred method). Forms can also be printed, signed, and turned in to the RHS Main Office portable (please note this may cause a delay in finalizing registration).

13. WHEN DO I TURN IN THE REQUIRED FORMS?

In order to ensure registration is complete and processed in a timely manner, please submit the completed and signed forms within 2 weeks of registering.

BUS ASSIGNMENTS

14. HOW DO I GET A BUS ASSIGNMENT?

A few days after registration closes, Grads who have registered to attend, submitted their payment or obtained financial assistance, **AND** returned the required signed release form, will be emailed a Sign-Up Genius link to sign up for a bus.

Grads may not "save seats" for others - only one seat per bus per Grad. Grads who have not turned in their release form will not be permitted to reserve a bus seat until their forms have been submitted and processed by the Grad Night Committee.

After the initial sign-up link has been sent, Grads who turn in their forms late will be sent their bus sign-up link in the evening the following day their form is turned in and processed.

****Be sure to get those releases turned in by Sunday, May 31, to have the best availability!**

15. DOES MY BUS ASSIGNMENT MATTER?

All buses go to the same venues at the same time; however, many Grads want to coordinate with their friends to ride the bus together. If this is important to you, make sure you and your friends register and submit your required forms as soon as possible.

16. WHAT HAPPENS IF I SIGN UP FOR MY BUS ASSIGNMENT LATE?

All registered Grads will have a guaranteed spot on A bus, but may not be the preferred bus. Buses will fill up, but there will be sufficient space for everyone. If you sign up for a bus late, there will be limited options on which bus has space. If you do not sign up for bus assignment, you will be assigned a bus that has space.

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17. CAN I CHANGE MY BUS ASSIGNMENT?

Bus assignments can be changed up to **June 9**, when the sign-up genius will close. No further changes will be allowed after that date—NO EXCEPTIONS. You must ride the same bus throughout the entire night.

GRAD NIGHT CELEBRATION PREPARATION DETAILS

18. WHAT DO I WEAR?

- Wear comfortable, casual attire (think gym clothes), and bring layers (t-shirt/sweatshirt)
- Wear closed-toe shoes (they are required for some activities). Socks are strongly recommended.

19. WHAT DO I BRING?

- You may bring a cell phone and cell phone charger (none will be provided) and sweatshirt/jacket.
- If you have submitted an Emergency Care Plan in advance, you must bring whatever emergency medical items (e.g., epi-pen, insulin, inhaler, etc.) indicated on the form. Make sure Bus Loader volunteer are notified of the items brought.
- You will not be allowed to bring anything else.

20. WHAT AM I NOT ALLOWED TO BRING?

- EVERYTHING EXCEPT FOR A CELL PHONE AND PORTABLE CHARGER
- Examples of what is not allowed:
 - purses, wallets, bags, or backpacks
 - money
 - headphones
 - food and/or beverages (unless your Grad has a serious medical condition and has made arrangements with the Grad Night Celebration Committee to bring their own food)
 - lip balm, personal hygiene products, gum

NOTE: Personal hygiene items (lip balm, feminine hygiene products, deodorant, Tylenol, Advil, hand sanitizer, tissues, breath mints/gum, etc.) will be provided by the Grad Night Celebration committee.

21. WHAT HAPPENS IF I BRING SOMETHING THAT IS NOT ALLOWED?

If something is brought that is not allowed (including keys), it will be placed in a zip lock bag, labeled with the Grad's name and will stay with the Lead Bus Chaperone until the return to RHS. The Committee accepts no responsibility for any loss or theft of possessions, which are kept for the duration of the party.

22. ARE THERE ANY RULES ABOUT CELL PHONES?

Grads are permitted to bring their cell phones to the event; however, cell phones will be confiscated if they are being used for inappropriate purposes (e.g., bullying, threatening, or harassing behavior; sharing venue location with others

that are not attending the event, and/or inviting or encouraging non-registered attendees to show up at the venue(s); taking inappropriate pictures with or without consent; etc.). Confiscated phones will be returned upon return to the school. Grads are encouraged to fully charge their phones prior to the event or bring a portable charger.

CHECK-IN DETAILS

23. WHAT TIME IS CHECK-IN?

Bus check-in will begin at 9:45pm in the parking lot at UW Alaska Airlines Arena. Please plan for a quick turnaround.

Food will be available at the first venue around 11:00pm.

24. WHAT HAPPENS AT CHECK-IN?

- There will be check-in tables for each bus, so find the check in table based on your bus assignment.
- Grads who turned 18 between the time they originally signed their release form and the night of the event will be required to sign the release form again as an adult. Grads who were age 18 when the release form was originally signed will not need to sign the release form again.
- After check-in, you will be sent to board your bus.
- Prior to boarding your bus, Grads will be searched by a same-sex adult to ensure there are no other items other than a cell phone, charger, sweatshirt/jacket, and any medications/food items that have been previously approved. The volunteer bus loaders will have a list of all Grads on each bus, which will also identify those who are approved to bring medications/food items and the items they are allowed to bring. See Question #21 for what will happen if you bring an item that is not allowed.

25. WHERE CAN I CHANGE CLOTHES?

Grads can change at UW Arena in the bathrooms. Some Grads also change in cars. Cap, gown, graduation clothes, shoes, purses, etc. must be given to someone who is not attending the Grad Night Celebration because those items will be allowed on the bus.

26. WHAT IF SOMEONE IS FOUND TO HAVE DRUGS, ALCOHOL, WEAPONS, OR A TOBACCO/VAPE PRODUCT ON THEM?

Grad Night Celebration is a safe event. There will be zero tolerance for tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or weapons of any kind. If prohibited items are found on a Grad at check-in or bus loading, the Grad will not be permitted to board the bus. Grads under the influence will not be permitted to participate. If prohibited items are found on a Grad at the venues, the Grad's parents/emergency contact will be contacted for pickup. NO REFUNDS will be provided for any of these situations.

27. WHAT HAPPENS IF I AM LATE TO CHECK-IN?

Anyone not checked in, searched, and on the bus by 10:15pm will be left behind. NO REFUNDS will be given for missing the event.

PICK-UP DETAILS

28. WHAT TIME IS PICK UP AND WHERE?

Buses will return to RHS between 5:30-6:00am on Tuesday, June 16. Grads will be tired and ready to go home! Because Grads have stayed up all night, they are NOT PERMITTED to drive themselves home. We request that Grads' rides be waiting for the buses by 5:45am on June 16.

Volunteers will be present to ensure no Grads drive themselves off of RHS premises.

SPECIAL NEEDS

29. WHAT IF I NEED PERSONAL MEDICATIONS?

If you take medications that may be needed during the event, you will need to indicate this on the Emergency Care Plan and check the medication in with the Grad Night Celebration Committee representative at the time of check-in or self-carry if marked on the form.

Medications must be in a prescription container marked with the Grad's name. If you have not opted to self-carry, the medication will be placed in a zip lock bag, marked with your name, along with a copy of the Emergency Care Plan with specific dispensing instructions, and carried by the Lead Bus Chaperone for your bus.

Non-emergency medications, like Tylenol and Advil, will be kept with an adult chaperone during the event.

30. WHAT IF I HAVE A FOOD ALLERGY?

If you have food or beverage allergies, it is the sole responsibility of the Grad and their parent or guardian to determine if you can safely attend the event, to determine what food and beverages to consume or avoid at the event, and to bring your own food to the event if necessary. The facilities or vendors supplying food and beverages for the event WILL NOT take any precautions in the preparation and service of food and beverages to protect against any food and beverage allergies. Peanuts and other allergen-producing ingredients may be used, and utensils may have come into contact with allergen-producing ingredients.

If you have a serious allergy, you should act accordingly and can bring your own food to the event—this must be indicated on the Emergency Care Plan. Food must be given to the Grad Night Celebration Committee representative at check-in.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

31. HOW CAN PARENTS HELP?

We need LOTS of volunteers to make Grad Night Celebration run smoothly for our Graduates. Please consider signing up to help and/or encouraging friends to volunteer. A sign-up will be posted on the RHS PTSA website on the [Grad Night Celebration](#) page closer to the event. All volunteers must be approved LWSD volunteers.

WHAT IF I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

Contact the Grad Night Celebration Committee at GradNight@redmondhsptsa.org

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