

One Hundred Forty-Fifth Annual
Commencement
of
Austin High School

AUSTIN, TEXAS
2025-2026



Burger Activity Center.
Austin, Texas.
Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

AUSTIN HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

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Processional: Pomp and Circumstance No. 1-Sir Edward Elgar	Austin High School Maroon Band
Welcome	Dr. Melvin Bedford, Principal
The Pledge of Allegiance and The Pledge to the Texas Flag	<i>Led by Senior Class Officers President: Irmoon Batbayar, & Vice President: Cameron Long</i>
The Star Spangled Banner.....	Austin High School Choir
Introduction of Platform Guests	Dr. Melvin Bedford, Principal
AISD Trustee's Address	Lynn Boswell, President, District 5
Superintendent's Address.....	Matias Segura, Superintendent of Schools
Musical Selection, Name of composer	<i>Carneige Anthem by Owen Williams Austin High School Maroon Band</i>
Farewell Address Class of 2026.....	Dr. Melvin Bedford, Principal
Salutatorian address	Salutatorian, Class of 2026
Valedictorian address	Valedictorian, Class of 2026
Certification of Graduates and Awarding of Diplomas	<i>Matias Segura, Superintendent of Schools AISD Board of Trustees & Dr. Melvin Bedford, Principal</i>
Alma Mater	<i>Loyal Forever Austin High School Band</i>
Recessional: Pomp and Circumstance No. 1.-Sir Edward Elgar	Austin High School Maroon Band

The audience will please remain seated until the conclusion of the recessional.

Austin Administration

Principal: Dr. Melvin Bedford

Academic Director: Tanya Mast

Administrative and Management Assistant to the Principal: Linda Garcia

*Associate Principals: David Perez, Academy of Classical Studies, Dalton Pool, Academy of Global Studies,
Charlsie Johnson, Academy of Science & Innovation, Jonathan Purser, Academy of Design and Technology
Beatriz Fernos, Instructional Support*

Lead Counselor: Stacey Haenchen

Counselors: Teri Ochoa, Ann Hudson, Erin Hall, Karla Flores, Sylvia Chavez

College and Career Counselor: Brandie Cleaver

Wellness Counselor: Sherri Patton-Grubb

Registrars: Ruth Duran & Ron Ramsey

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Lynn Boswell..... President, Trustee District 5
Andrew Gonzales.....Vice President, Trustee District 6
Dr. Kevin FosterSecretary, Trustee District 3
Candace Hunter Trustee District 1
LaRessa Quintana..... Trustee District 2
Kathryn Whitley Chu Trustee District 4
Dr. David Kauffman Trustee District 7
Fernando Lucas de Urioste..... Trustee At-Large Position 8
Arati Singh Trustee At-Large Position 9

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Matias Segura

CORD / STOLE LEGEND

Academic Standing & Premier Honors

Top 10% Academic Achievement: *Maroon & Silver Cord*
National Merit Scholarship Program: *Maroon & Gold Cord*
National Honor Society: *Double White Cord*
Academy Graduation Distinction: *Double Gold Cord*
Academy for Classical Studies: *Navy Blue, Gold & Maroon Cord*
Academy for Design & Technology: *Silver, Light Blue & Maroon Cord*
Academy for Global Studies: *Blue, Green & Maroon Cord*
Academy for Science & Innovation: *Dark Green, Black & Maroon Cord*
AVID: *Silver Cord*

Career & Technical Education (CTE) & Certifications

Engineering Honor Students (PLTW): *Blue Stole*
PLTW Biomed (A Average over 3 Years): *Red Stole*
Engineering Program (3+ Years): *Blue & White Cord*
Culinary Program: *Teal & White Cord*
Education Program: *Purple & White Cord*
Graphic Design, Photography & Animation (3–4 Years): *Purple Cord*
AV Program (3–4 Years): *Chroma Key Green Cord*

Clubs, Other Honor Societies & Athletics

Mu Alpha Theta (Math Honor Society): *Cyan & Gold Cord*
National Art Honors Society: *Rainbow Honor Cord*
International Thespian Society Scholars: *Blue & Gold Braided Cord*
International Thespian Society: *Blue & Gold Cord*
Austin Red Jackets Officer: *Teal Cord*
Austin Red Jackets: *Red Cord*
Student Council: *Navy, Maroon & White Cord*
Austin High School Band: *Maroon & Silver Cord*
Austin High School Cheer: *Maroon & Grey Cord*
Choir: *Maroon & White Cord*
Orchestra: *Pink Cord*
Ballet Folklorico: *Red, Green & White Cord*
Black Student Alliance: *Black, Yellow, Green & Red Cord*
Feminism Club (Leadership): *Light Pink & Light Blue Cord*
World Languages Program: *Lavender Cord*
Journalism: *Black Cord*
Link Crew: *Teal Cord*
Model UN: *Purple & Teal Cord*
PALS Program: *Pink, Blue & Yellow Cord*
Volunteer Club: *Forest Green & Silver Cord*
Young Voters Club: *Solid Blue Cord*
Wrestling Club: *Red & Green Cord*

The students speaking at this event were selected to speak based on neutral criteria. Unless otherwise indicated, the content of each student speaker's message is the private expression of the individual student and does not reflect the endorsement, sponsorship, position, or expression of the District.

AUSTIN HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL SONG

LOYAL FOREVER

Loyal Forever
To Maroon and White
Our Colors Flying Forward
As a Symbol of Our Might
Spirit Unequaled
Never Let It Die
Fight On to Victory
Forever Austin High!

Words by Betty Love Rugeley

Music by Weldon Covington



#AISDProud of our #AISDGrads