



KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS
Kapālama
HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

May 19, 2022

PARENTS OF THE CLASS OF 2022

Aloha kākou!

Commencement time, with all of its activities, is approaching. It marks the culmination of thirteen years of schooling and a new beginning for your sons and daughters. This is an exciting moment for the graduates, their families and their friends.

We are excited to return to Kawaiaha'o Church and the Neal S. Blaisdell Arena for this year's events. For the health and safety of our haumāna and their 'ohana we will be limiting attendance at Baccalaureate, Commencement and Lei Greeting. Each event will require a ticket for entry (please review each event for more information about tickets). We appreciate your understanding and cooperation to help keep one another safe.

In alignment with the current face mask policies at Kamehameha Schools, we ask that while indoors, all attendees wear a properly fitted face mask that covers both their nose and mouth. In accordance with the current State of Hawai'i and City and County of Honolulu guidelines, we will not be checking for proof of vaccination or a negative Covid-19 test for guests attending these events. Please note that should restrictions change, our plans for these events will also be subject to change. Mahalo for your flexibility and kōkua.

UPDATE! Covid-19 Testing at Pauahi Admin. Bldg. | Monday, May 23, 2022

As an added layer of protection, all Seniors are now required to test through the Premier Medical Group on **Monday, May 23, 2022**, at the Pauahi Administration Building. **Testing will be available from 6am to 3pm only.** Students who have tested positive in the last 90 days and have informed our Kamehameha Covid Response Team (CRT) will be cleared via email through the Principals office and do not need to test.

1. To reduce density, please sign up for a designated time here:
<https://forms.gle/bhf3117JQggFUa9a9>
2. We highly recommend that you pre-register using this link prior to your test time.
<https://pmg.app.perseus.id/div/ks>

Students who do not complete the covid test or provide the Kamehameha CRT a confirmed exemption will not be allowed to attend Baccalaureate and Commencement. Mahalo for your understanding and cooperation.

NEW! Tri-Campus Celebration Opportunity | Thursday, May 26, 2022

- Must sign-up at: <https://bit.ly/TriCampus2022>
- MUST have periods 1 **AND** 2 FREE **AND** complete senior check-out
- School Uniform Required **AND** COVERED shoes (NOT cros)
- Schedule
 - Bus leaves from Smith Office at 8:50 am
 - Bus returns to Campus at 11:00 am

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REHEARSAL | Friday, May 27, 2022 | Kawaiaha‘o Church & Kekūhaupi‘o Gym

*Seniors are responsible for their own transportation TO and FROM campus.

**Seniors MUST be dressed in school uniform attire (including covered shoes).

7:15am–7:30am	ALL Seniors board buses at Kekūhaupi‘o Gym for Kawaiaha‘o Church *ALL SENIORS MUST ride the bus to Kawaiaha‘o Church
8:00am–9:45am	Baccalaureate rehearsal at Kawaiaha‘o Gym and Church
9:45am	Seniors depart Kawaiaha‘o Church for Kekūhaupi‘o Gym
10:30am–12:45pm	Commencement rehearsal at Kekūhaupi‘o Gym
12:45pm	Commencement rehearsal pau

In preparation for the weekend events, a mandatory Baccalaureate and Commencement rehearsal will be held on Friday. **Seniors must be dressed in their school uniform (including covered shoes) for the rehearsal.** Parking will be available for students on campus in the Hale Ho‘okū Ka‘a. There will be NO country buses, all students are responsible for their own transportation to and from campus. Transportation will be provided for students to and from Kawaiaha‘o Church.

BACCALAUREATE | Saturday, May 28, 2022 | Kawaiaha‘o Church

7:00am Seniors report to Kawaiaha‘o gym

7:15am Sanctuary Doors Open

8:00am Baccalaureate Service

9:00am Service pau

**Special Events Attire (please see enclosed for more information)*

On Saturday, May 28, 8:00 a.m., the Baccalaureate service will be held at Kawaiaha‘o Church. Seating in the church is limited; however, we do have an additional seating area in Kawaiaha‘o gym on Mission Lane next to Kawaiaha‘o School. All seating is on a first come, first served basis. A ticket is required for entry. Each graduate will receive **two (2) tickets** for members of their family to attend the service. Parking is not available on the church grounds because spaces are needed for church and KS staff. Instead, you may park at the Kawaiaha‘o Plaza parking garage, entry located on Mission Lane. This year, we are honored to have as our speaker, Kamuela Sing, KSK ‘02.

COMMENCEMENT | Sunday, May 29, 2022 | Neal S. Blaisdell Arena

2:00pm Seniors report to Neal S. Blaisdell Exhibition Hall

3:00pm Arena Doors Open

4:00pm Commencement Ceremony Begins

**Special Events Attire (please see enclosed for more information)*

At Kamehameha, Commencement ceremonies are conducted with dignity and pride. They exemplify our Hawaiian ancestral value of pono -- to be correct and proper. In keeping with this tradition, we ask you to remind your sons and daughters, as well as your family and friends, about appropriate behavior and demeanor, especially during commencement exercises.

We ask that all graduates and guests respect the importance of this occasion by cooperating with the schools and the graduation rules of the Blaisdell Center. For the safety and security of all guests and graduates, please follow the instructions of NBC staff, HPD, security staff and school personnel before, during and after commencement.

We believe that catcalling, loud cheering, yelling, and signs detract from the recognition of each student being honored on stage. We ask your support in maintaining the dignity of the ceremonies.

Parents and guests are asked to refrain from moving to the front of the stage to take pictures. This is distracting for the students and blocks the view of others in the audience. Professional photos will be taken of each graduate by Wayne St. Morris, an independent photography company during the ceremony and made available for sale to the graduates. They will be sending the photograph proofs to your home.

We are enclosing 15 tickets for the Commencement ceremony, which will be held at the Neal S. Blaisdell Center at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, May 29. Doors open at 3:00 p.m. for the general public and seating is on a first come first served basis. Four (4) senior guest tickets will admit you to seating on the arena floor. Eleven (11) general admission tickets are for you to distribute to family and friends. *Please be selective about giving out these tickets. Only people who will support the occasion in a positive, respectful and dignified way should be invited to attend.* There are no extra tickets. Students are encouraged to check with one another if any additional tickets are needed and available.

IMPORTANT Neal Blaisdell Center Management Reminders:

- Please drive carefully and observe traffic regulations in the Blaisdell parking lot.
- Tailgating is not permitted before or after the program.
- No food or drinks are allowed in the arena at any time.
- Please refer to the enclosed guidelines from the Neal S. Blaisdell Center Commencement Guidelines
- Storing signage or balloons of any sort in the Exhibition Hall prior to or during the ceremony is prohibited and will be removed.

Our Hale Ola staff would like us to remind all of you to feed your child before arriving to NBC Arena. It will be a long night and it's important that your child is fed and well-hydrated for the evening's festivities.

LEI GREETING | Sunday, May 29, 2022 | Neal S. Blaisdell Exhibition Hall

At the conclusion of the Commencement ceremony, graduates will exit the Arena and proceed to the Exhibition Hall to prepare to meet their 'ohana. **Due to capacity restrictions, all lei greeting attendees MUST have a Commencement ticket for entry into the Exhibition Hall.** Guests attending the Commencement will proceed directly to the Exhibition Hall following the ceremony. Guests ONLY attending the lei greeting will ENTER the Exhibition Hall via the East Concourse Door (see Meet the Graduates map) and MUST present a Commencement ticket upon entry. Each Commencement ticket will admit ONE person. No ticket, no entry, no exceptions.

IMPORTANT Meet the Graduates/Lei Greeting Plan:

- Meet the graduates/lei greeting guests MUST have a Commencement ticket for entry. No ticket, no entry, no exceptions.
- **Be aware that certain doors are designated for entrance or exit only.**
- Arena floor ticketed guests will be allowed into the Exhibition Hall first.
- Arena upper-level ticketed guests will be allowed into the Exhibition Hall second.
- Guests only attending the lei greeting will enter via the Exhibition Hall East

Concourse doorway and will enter AFTER all guests from the arena have entered the Exhibition Hall. Mahalo for your patience.

- Lei greeting will begin at approximately 6:30 pm and will end at 8:00 pm.
- **UPDATE!** Students not allowed onto other areas around the NBC property to meet families and must remain in the designated area for lei greeting.
 - If students leave the Ex. Hall lei greeting area, they will not be allowed to return and will not be allowed to participate in Project Graduation.
- NOTE: While we embrace all cultural forms of celebration, we kindly ask ‘ohana to limit their congratulations for their graduate to lei only (no musical instruments or elaborate cultural displays allowed).

NEW! Project Graduation

- 7:30pm Sunday, May 29 until 7:30am Monday, May 30th
- RSVP: <https://bit.ly/PG2022RSVP> (need headcount and to select BUS!)
- Project Grad Permission, Release and Agreement Form
 - **NOTE:** TWO parent/guardian signatures required (if our records in SMS show that two parents/guardians have legal authority, you will need BOTH signatures)
 - Will **UPLOAD** completed form



We want all families to support their graduate in an orderly manner without compromising safety. This information is going out early so you can plan accordingly and to minimize frustration. Please know that should a rule be violated, you may be escorted out of the arena, exhibition hall, and/or off the premises. Please share this information with your guests.

Lastly, enclosed we have included additional information and guidelines for your review to help you and your ‘ohana better prepare for the culminating events. Information on our Commencement website and live streaming opportunities of Commencement activities are forthcoming.

For any questions, please contact Special Events Coordinator, Andrea Los Baños at khsspecialevents@ksbe.edu. We look forward, as I am sure you must, to this exciting period in the lives of the members of the Class of 2022.

I mua!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wendy Erskine".

Wendy Erskine, Po‘o Kumu Kula Ki‘eki‘e
Kamehameha Schools Kapālama High School

Enclosures: Senior Calendar of Year-End Activities
Special Events Attire for Baccalaureate and Commencement
Information Regarding “Kalamakūali‘i—The Royal Lamp” Kīhei
Neal S. Blaisdell Center Commencement Guidelines
Meet the Graduates Map
Baccalaureate Tickets (2) & Commencement Tickets (15)

SENIOR CALENDAR OF YEAR-END ACTIVITIES

The following activities are **MANDATORY** for all graduating Seniors:
Commencement Rehearsals, Baccalaureate Service, and Commencement Ceremony

Monday, May 23

EVEN Schedule

11:30 am - 12:10 pm

6:00 am – 3:00 pm

Grade 12 Commencement Rehearsal (MANDATORY)

MANDATORY Covid testing for all Seniors at Pauahi Admin. Building

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Tuesday, May 24

Final Exam Day # 1

8:00 am - 9:20 am

9:40 am - 11:00 am

9:30 am - 1:00 pm

12:10 pm - 1:30 pm

1:45 pm - 2:45 pm

3:00 pm

Period 3

Period 5

Lunch

Period 7

Grade 12 Commencement Rehearsal (MANDATORY)

Buses depart

Wednesday, May 25

Final Exam Day # 2

8:00 am - 9:20 am

9:40 am - 11:00 am

9:30 am - 1:00 pm

12:10 pm - 1:30 pm

3:00 pm

Period 4

Period 6

Lunch

Period 8

Buses depart

Thursday, May 26

Final Exam Day # 3

8:00 am - 9:20 am

9:40 am - 11:00 am

9:30 am - 1:00 pm

12:00 pm

Period 1

Period 2

Lunch

Buses depart

8:50 am – 11:00 am

Optional Tri-Campus Celebration at Kawaiaha 'o Church

** Note: Must sign-up to attend, must have period 1 AND period 2 free, AND complete senior check-out in order to attend.*

Friday, May 27

Baccalaureate/Commencement Rehearsal (MANDATORY)

Seniors are responsible for their own transportation to and from

Seniors **MUST** be dressed in school uniform attire (including covered shoes)

7:15 am– 7:30 am	ALL Seniors board buses at Kekūhaupi‘o Gym for transport to Kawaiaha‘o Church (No parking available at Kawaiaha‘o Church, all seniors must park at Hale Ho‘okū Ka‘a located at Kekūhaupi‘o and ride KS buses to the church).
8:00 am – 8:30 am	Baccalaureate rehearsal in Kawaiaha‘o Gym
8:30 am– 8:45 am	Processional rehearsal from Gym to Kawaiaha‘o Church
8:45 am – 9:25 am	Baccalaureate rehearsal in Kawaiaha‘o Church
9:30 am – 9:45 am	Class of 2022 photo on stairs of Kawaiaha‘o Church
9:45 am – 10:15 am	Transport Seniors from Kawaiaha‘o Church to Kekūhaupi‘o Gym
10:20 am – 12:45 pm	Commencement rehearsal in Kekūhaupi‘o Gym

Seniors are responsible for their own transportation home

Saturday, May 28

7:00 am	Seniors report to Kawaiaha‘o Gym next to the Kawaiaha‘o Church <i>(Seniors must arrive dressed in Special Events Attire)</i>
7:15 am	Kawaiaha‘o Church sanctuary doors open
7:40 am	Processional from Kawaiaha‘o Gym to sanctuary
8:00 am	BACCALAUREATE SERVICE – KAWAIAHA‘O CHURCH

Sunday, May 29

2:00 pm	Seniors report to Neal S. Blaisdell Exhibition Hall. <i>(Seniors must arrive dressed in Special Events Attire. Kāne-no blue sash needed)</i>
2:00 pm - 2:45 pm	Kīhei Tying Ceremony in Exhibition Hall
2:45 pm	Seniors report to Hawai‘i Suite (located in Exhibition Hall) for rehearsal
3:40 pm	Seniors prepare for procession into Arena
4:00 pm	COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY- NEAL S. BLAISDELL ARENA
8:00 pm - 7:30 am	PROJECT GRADUATION - More information to come

**SPECIAL EVENTS ATTIRE FOR
BACCALAUREATE AND COMMENCEMENT**

GIRLS: Uniform Special Events white mu‘umu‘u purchased from Lands’ End a long white or beige slip, fully enclosed white flats or pumps.

Students must wear kīhei and blue silk lei for Commencement (kīhei and lei will be given at check-in at NBC).

BOYS: Long sleeved white Special Events dress shirt, blue sash, white dress pants which were purchased from Lands’ End, belt, white dress shoes (no athletic or canvas shoes), full-length white socks. Blue sash is needed for Baccalaureate Service ONLY.

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NOTE: Ribbons, flowers lei, any hair decorations and jewelry except for watches and class rings are not to be worn for both Baccalaureate and Commencement events.

LAND’S END STORE:

Address

Nā Lama Kukui
#118 560 Nimitz Highway
Honolulu, HI 96817
Phone: (808)-585-7441

Hours

Tuesday Friday: 10 am – 5 pm
Saturday: 10 am – 4 pm
Sunday- Monday: CLOSED

KALAMAKŪALI‘I

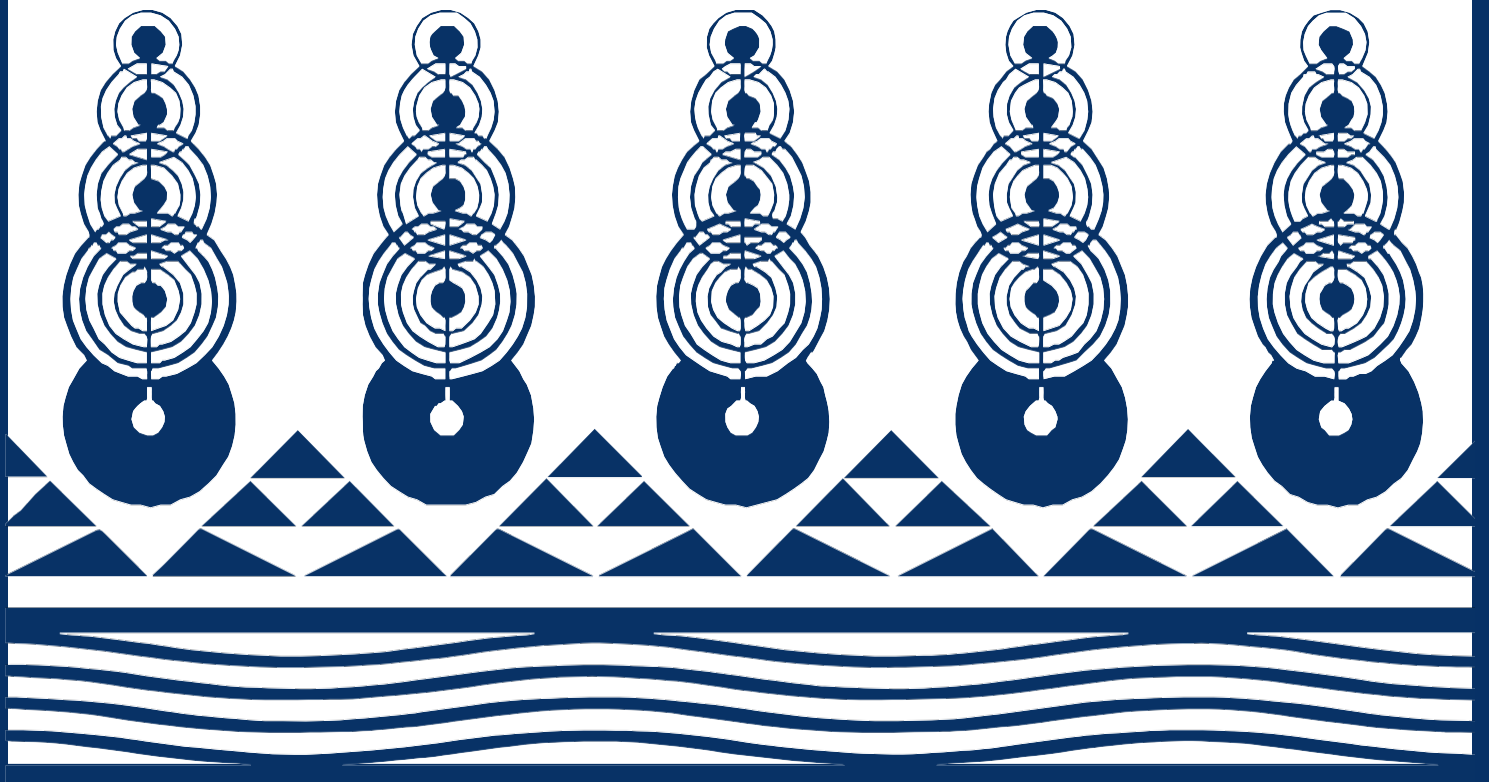
THE ROYALLAMP

Kamehameha Schools Kapālama marks this special occasion with a kīhei, a traditional Hawaiian garment, gifted to each graduating senior. Having successfully completed our graduation requirements, they have earned the privilege and honor of receiving this special kīhei as a symbol of their passage into the next phase of their lives.

“Kalamakūali‘i—The Royal Lamp” was designed by Visual Arts teacher Carl Pao in collaboration with a committee of other high school staff members with expertise in Hawaiian language and culture. The symbols in the design have significance for our school and its location on the heights of Kapālama, the piko (center) of our graduates’ formal education over the past few years.

The lamakū, or kukui inut lamp, symbolizes enlightenment or the acquisition of knowledge and wisdom during our graduates’ time with us. The four kukui represent each grade level of the high school, joined by a nī‘au (coconut midrib) which is anchored in a pōhaku (stone). What we see of the pōhaku is a shape that resembles an ‘ahu‘ula (shoulder-length feather cloak) that represents Pauahi, our Founder and Benefactress, whose generosity created tremendous educational opportunities for our graduates. The brilliance of the light has grown stronger as they have passed from one grade to the next. We hope that our graduates will continue to add kukui, gaining greater enlightenment in their lives beyond Kamehameha, but always be firmly connected to the piko of Kapālama.

The wavy lines at the bottom of the design represent wai (water), a source of life and knowledge, and symbolize the underground waterway that once flowed through lava tubes and connected Keanakamanō (The Cave of the Shark) Valley at our campus’ main gate with Pu‘uloa (Pearl Harbor), Oceania and the rest of the world. Our mo‘olelo (stories) say that the Hawaiian god Kamohoali‘i traveled this waterway in his shark form to Kapālama. The chevron shapes represent a shark’s teeth and also the island of O‘ahu.



NEAL S. BLAISDELL CENTER
COMMENCEMENT GUIDELINES

(HONOLULU, HI – May 1, 2022) – Blaisdell Center would like to extend our congratulations to the class of 2022. Commencement is a milestone for graduates, their families and their friends. We ask that all graduates and guests respect the importance of this occasion by cooperating with the schools and the graduation rules of the Blaisdell Center.

For the safety and security of all guests and graduates, please follow the instructions of the venue personnel and security staff before, during and after commencement. **Only guest with a commencement ticket will be allowed into the Exhibition Hall for lei greeting.** Priority to enter the Exhibition Hall for the lei greeting will be given to those attending the ceremony. If the Exhibition Hall has reached capacity we will ask guests to wait until others have left before allowing more family and friends to enter. Those coming just for lei greeting are encouraged to come later to avoid congestion on the concourses and a prolonged wait time.

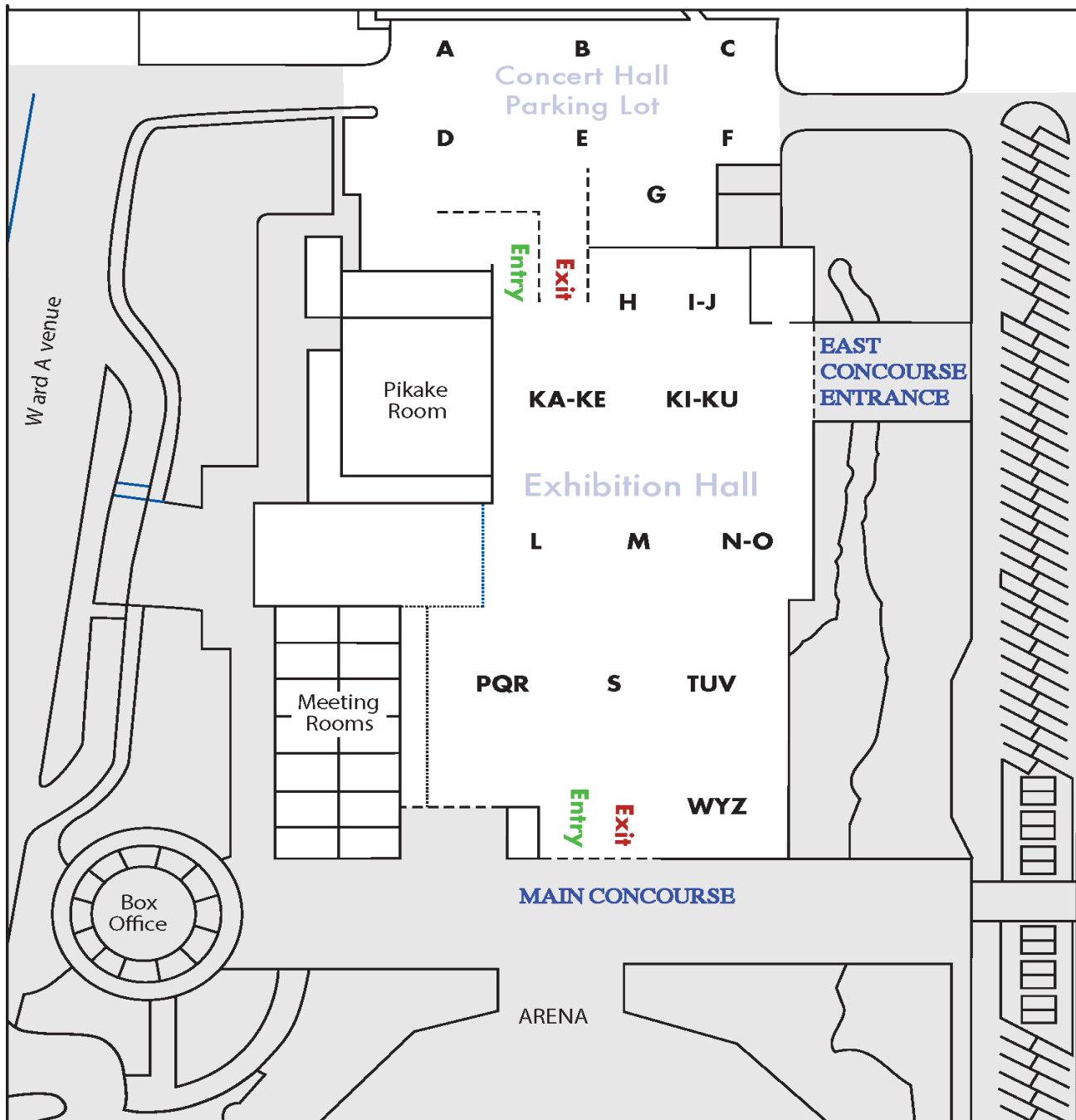
As a reminder, here are the rules as they pertain to graduation at the Blaisdell Center. Please check with the individual school about specific rules or items not listed below:

- All packages are subject to search. Large bags may be denied entry if they won't fit or contain unsuitable items.
- No Aisles can be obstructed.
- All packages, gifts, lei, posters, etc. must fit on lap or under the seat.
- Size allowance for signs and banners is 3ft x4 ft. Photos and wording should be appropriate and are subject to review. Signs should fit in your lap and cannot obstruct walkway/aisles
- No sticks, pipes, rods – posters cannot be mounted for safety reasons.
- No strollers inside the seating areas – strollers must be checked with the usher staff.
- No balloons
- No tripods
- No drones
- No laser pointers
- No noisemakers or air horns
- No silly string, confetti or confetti cannons
- No outside food or beverages - including steel water bottles
- No tailgating/picnicking in the parking structure, grass areas or on walkways.

For more information, please contact your school or Blaisdell administration at 768-5400.

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