



KHS Project Graduation

2026 Contract

Dear Parent/Guardian/Students:

KHS Project Graduation will hold its annual Project Grad celebration on Thursday evening, June 18, 2026. This will be a drug- and alcohol-free celebration for seniors participating in the graduation ceremony. Various activities have been planned, which we hope will make this a memorable experience. Basketball, racquetball, dancing to a DJ, swimming in an indoor pool, and many other activities are planned.

Event Details

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| Event | KHS Project Graduation (drug- and alcohol-free) |
| Date | Thursday, June 18, 2026 |
| Time | Begins immediately after graduation (approx. 8:00 PM) |
| Return | Returns to KHS (approx. 5:00 AM) |
| Location | King Street Field House (bag check-in begins 4:15 PM) |

Please note:

KHS Project Grad, Inc. sponsors this event. Kearny High School, the Town of Kearny, and the Kearny Board of Education do not sponsor this.

Registration & Payment

A signed contract/permission slip is necessary for your child to attend Project Graduation. The student's signature is also required, which signifies their willingness to follow the rules and regulations established by the committee.

Registration Fee

- \$30.00 if received by May 15, 2026.
- \$35.00 if received May 16, 2026, or later.

To ensure a safe environment, all backpacks and other bags will be collected prior to the graduation ceremony. No bags of any kind, including purses, will be allowed in the building after graduation. All bags (including purses) must be checked in prior to graduation. No exceptions.

Parents/guardians will be called if necessary for any inappropriate behavior. Any participant involved with alcohol or drugs will be removed, parents/guardians will be contacted, and the student will be subject to local, state, and federal laws as they apply. A parent/guardian will be required to pick up the student from the location of the event.

Sign-Up Instructions

Students must return the attached permission slip(s) along with payment to Mr. Savage in the Main Office.

Payment options: If not paying in cash, the preferred method is Zeffy to avoid any fees for Project Graduation. We appreciate your help!

- Cash or check (payable to Project Graduation)
- Online: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/class-of-2026-project-graduation-night-june-18--2026>
- Venmo: @kearny-projectgrad
- Cash App: @kearnyprojectgrad

REMEMBER: DO NOT MAIL ANY PERMISSION SLIPS OR PAYMENTS. Students must return this form to Mr. Savage in the main office in a sealed envelope.

Sincerely,

The KHS Project Graduation Committee 2026

Rules and Regulations

1. The evening will be chaperoned by parents, Project Graduation Committee members, faculty, and the Kearny Police L.E.A.D. Officers.
2. Bag check-in will begin at 4:15 PM at the King Street Field House. All bags will be checked by security staff upon check-in. Bags, including purses, may not be brought to the school after graduation (such as pocketbooks, camera bags, backpacks).
3. After graduation is over, report directly to the High School cafeteria. DO NOT GO HOME or you will not be permitted to go on the bus. Please give your valuables and diploma to a family member to bring home.
4. A swimming pool, basketball courts, a gym, and a lounge area will be available. Lifeguards will be on duty. Since a pool is available, students are advised to bring a bathing suit. Lockers will be available, but graduates should bring their own locks and towels. BRING YOUR YEARBOOK FOR SIGNING.
5. The Project Graduation Committee will provide all food. Graduates may not bring any food or beverages. Basketball shoes or sneakers must be worn. No black-soled shoes are allowed. Phone numbers where parents/guardians can be reached must be provided to the committee at the time of sign-up.
6. Anyone leaving the building must be authorized by one of the chaperones. Graduates will not be permitted to leave the facility prior to the conclusion of Project Graduation in the morning. NOTE: Parents can pick up students at the high school on Saturday morning at 5:00 AM.
7. Club rules prohibit smoking of any kind by anyone on the premises. This rule is strictly enforced.
8. Each person attending must accept full responsibility for their actions at the celebration. Any damages to any of the facilities will cause the participant to be assessed for those damages and subject to prosecution.
9. Buses will bring students to the facility and return them to Kearny High School. Since everything will be paid for by Project Graduation, cash, valuables, and jewelry should be left at home. PLEASE NO VALUABLES!
10. If your child has any special needs or medical conditions, please notify us at check-in.
11. The Project Graduation Committee reserves the right to deny entry to anyone suspected of being under the influence of drugs/alcohol or exhibiting improper behavior. All decisions by PG (Project Graduation) are final. There will be no refunds.

Retain this copy for your records

FILL, SIGN, AND RETURN ALL FORMS BELOW TO MR. SAVAGE IN THE MAIN OFFICE

FORM 1 of 4

Permission & Acknowledgement

By signing below, the parent/guardian and student acknowledge that they have read and agree to follow the KHS Project Graduation rules and regulations. A signed contract is required for participation.

Student Name (print): _____

Parent/Guardian Name (print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Best Contact Phone FOR PARENT (during event): _____

- **ALL FORMS (1 THROUGH 3) MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED TO KEARNY HIGH SCHOOL VICE PRINCIPAL, MR. SAVAGE IN THE MAIN OFFICE, ALONG WITH CASH OR CHECK PAYMENT. IF YOU PAID ELECTRONICALLY – PLEASE PROVIDE THE METHOD AND HANDLE YOU SENT FROM.**

FORM 2 of 4

DRUGS, ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES

The Board of Education recognizes that unless schools and their students are free of alcohol and other drugs, optimum conditions for learning do not exist. Students are prohibited from possessing, consuming, or distributing drugs or alcohol in any form while at school, in co-curricular and extracurricular programs, on school grounds, attending a school-related function on or off campus, and when coming to and going from school. Students are further prohibited from smoking cigarettes or using other tobacco products, including electronic smoking devices in any form, in school buildings/grounds.

In accordance with NJSA 18A:40A Article 2 and NJAC 6:29-6.1-6.5, students suspected of being “under the influence” shall be subject to a medical examination, suspension, and other disciplinary measures as established by this policy. The Board of Education pledges its full cooperation with law enforcement officials in the conduct of their duties to maintain a drug-free school zone in a cooperative agreement between the school district and Kearny Police. Students and their parent(s)/guardians(s) are advised that New Jersey laws may require additional penalties beyond school sanctions for drug-related offenses on and off school grounds in accordance with the Drug Free School Zones statute. A summary of these laws and their penalties will be made available annually to students and their parents or guardians in a conspicuous manner.

In establishing this Policy, Kearny Public Schools will have programs and procedures developed and implemented for the purpose of assisting students who experience drug or alcohol use. It is the school’s intention to use the disciplinary sanctions of this Policy as a means of helping students recover from the debilitating effects of alcohol and other drug use. It is in this spirit that the development and enforcement of this Policy is intended.

If a student is caught during this event, it is important to understand that there are consequences for this behavior. Local law enforcement and parents will be notified, and the student may face legal repercussions and disciplinary actions. A parent/guardian will be called to pick up the child from the location of the offense.

STUDENT’S SIGNATURE AND D.O.B.:

(SIGNATURE REQUIRED)

D.O.B.

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME:

(Print)

(PARENT’S SIGNATURE REQUIRED)

FORM 3 of 4

Photo & Video Release

I/We, the undersigned parent/guardian of the participant listed below (or the participant if 18 years of age or older), grant permission to **Kearny Project Graduation, Inc.** and its representatives to take and use **photographs and/or video/audio recordings** of the participant during the event on **June 18, 2026**.

I/We understand these images/recordings may be used for **event-related and school/community communications**, including (but not limited to) newsletters, presentations, posters, printed materials, and official websites and social media pages. I/We understand the participant's name may (but is not likely to) be used in connection with an image/recording, but no other personal information will be shared.

I/We release and hold harmless Kearny Project Graduation, Inc., its organizers, volunteers, sponsors, and affiliated entities from any claims related to the use of these photographs/recordings.

Please select one:

- YES** — I give permission for photos/videos of the participant to be used as described above.
- NO** — I do not give permission for photos/videos of the participant to be used.

Participant Name (PRINT): _____

Parent/Guardian Name (PRINT): _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Phone/Email (OPTIONAL): _____

FORM 4 of 4

Student Information - Contract/Agreement



STUDENT NAME:

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| LAST NAME | FIRST NAME | MIDDLE NAME |
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| STUDENT NUMBER: _____ | T-SHIRT SIZE: _____ |
| ADDRESS: _____ | |
| HOME PHONE NUMBER: _____ | |
| PARENT CELL NUMBER: _____ | |
| EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER FOR 6/18/26: _____ | |
| SCHOOL: _____ | |

I KNOW THE OBJECT OF PROJECT GRADUATION IS TO GIVE ME, A GRADUATING KEARNY HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR, HUDSON COUNTY PREP AND HIGH-TECH (KEARNY RESIDENTS ONLY), A DRUG AND ALCOHOL-FREE GRADUATION NIGHT CELEBRATION. I UNDERSTAND ALL THE RULES CONCERNING DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE THAT EVENING. ALL BAGS WILL BE SEARCHED BY KHS SECURITY. I WILL ABIDE BY THOSE RULES AND ALL OTHER RULES STATED.

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STUDENT SIGNATURE (REQUIRED)

I GIVE PERMISSION FOR MY CHILD TO ATTEND PROJECT GRADUATION. THEY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE TO ABIDE BY ALL RULES ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMITTEE. I UNDERSTAND ALL BAGS WILL BE SEARCHED BY KHS SECURITY.

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PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (REQUIRED)

ARE THERE ANY MEDICAL CONDITIONS OR MEDICATIONS BEING USED BY THE GRADUATE THAT THE PROJECT GRADUATION COMMITTEE SHOULD BE MADE AWARE OF?

DOES YOUR CHILD REQUIRE ANY SPECIAL NEEDS? A PARENT MAY BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND AS A VOLUNTEER.
