

- **EMU will NOT allow the following items to be brought into the Convocation Center:**
 - Balloons
 - Signs
 - Silly String
 - Alcohol
 - Beach Balls
 - Confetti
 - Noisemakers
 - Food or Drinks
 - Purses, Cell Phones, or Bags in the graduate seating area
 - Coolers

Message from Eastern Michigan University President James Smith and Chief of Police Matthew Lige:

Eastern Michigan University is looking forward to hosting your graduation ceremony this spring at the George Gervin GameAbove Center. As you might expect, the Eastern Michigan University Department of Public Safety will enforce expanded security initiatives for high school graduation ceremonies this spring. The security measures are similar to those we implemented for Eastern's own graduates and their families during ceremonies on April 30. Please share this information with your graduates and families in advance so they are aware and encourage them to allow for a few extra minutes before the start of your ceremony to participate in the screening process.

The security measures include:

- All individuals will be subject to a metal detector screening upon entry into the Center.
- **The following items are prohibited:**
 - o Weapons including handguns, tasers and chemical sprays
 - o Fireworks
 - o Knives, box cutters and scissors
 - o Laser pointers
 - o Book bags, purses, briefcases, backpacks, paper bags, luggage, duffel bags, camera bags, wrapped gifts or gift bags
 - o Balloons
 - o Selfie sticks
 - o Beach Balls or other projectiles
 - o Banners with poles/sticks
 - o Umbrellas with pointed tips
 - o Skateboards/rollerblades
 - o Noise making devices

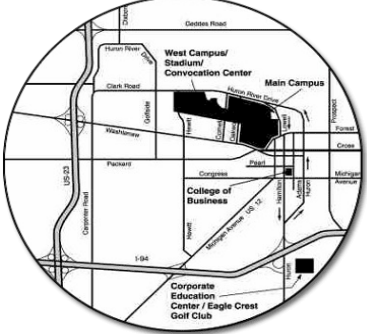
- The following items may be allowed after inspection:
 - o Diaper bags
 - o Medically necessary items
 - o Child carriers
 - o Small clutch purses 4.5" x 6.5"
 - o Clear bags (must be no larger than 12" x 6" x 12" or a gallon Ziploc -- one side of the bag has to be completely free from décor)

- **All guests should be prepared to place their wallets, cell phone, and keys into a bin during the screening process.**

Signage will be visible in the parking areas prior to entering the George Gervin GameAbove Center, reminding graduates and guests of items that are prohibited and those that are allowed. Security staff and law enforcement professionals will be available to answer any questions prior to entering the facility.

Also, when traveling to the George Gervin GameAbove Center, please be advised that the Washtenaw County Road Commission is closing Michigan Ave. between Hewitt Rd. and I-94 beginning this Friday into the month of July.

Directions to EMU Convocation Center

	<p>From the NORTH: U.S. 23 to Washtenaw Avenue (Exit 37A) head east on Washtenaw to Hewitt; turn left on Hewitt and proceed to the Convocation Center (on right).</p> <p>From the SOUTH: U.S. 23 to Washtenaw Avenue (Exit 37A) head east on Washtenaw to Hewitt; turn left on Hewitt and proceed to the Convocation Center (on right).</p> <p>From the EAST: I-94 west to Huron Street (Exit 183); head north on Huron Street which turns into Huron River Drive. Turn left on Hewitt (stop light). The Convocation Center is located on left side of Hewitt.</p> <p>From the WEST: I-94 east to US 23; US 23 to Washtenaw Avenue (Exit 37A); head east on Washtenaw to Hewitt; turn left on Hewitt and proceed to the Convocation Center (on right).</p>
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*If you have any questions or need further clarification, please reach out to Ms. Winborn at 734.484.7000 ext 7241 or rwinborn@lincolnk12.org.