Captions for Gallery 2 in Chapter 4

A Family Affair

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*Entire families travel with their son or daughter to the site of the* gaokao*, then wait expectantly for their child to emerge from the exam.*

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*Students from Xiaxi take the* gaokao *at this senior high school in the nearby city of Changzhou.*

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*Some parents give children floral bouquets. Jin Shan recalls what her father said when she finished the* gaokao*: “These days you have a tough life,” he told her. “You can relax for the next few days.”*

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*A crowd of family members, along with police, gathers at Beijing’s No. 4 High School, a* gaokao *test site. (Photo by Gao Teng)*

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*Relieved to have the* gaokao *behind them, test takers look for family members waiting at the school’s exit. (Photo by Gao Teng)*