Pasco High School

UPDATED GRADUATION GUIDELINES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In light of changing the public health guidance from the CDC and State of Florida, Pasco County Schools has adopted the following guidelines for The Class of 2021 Commencement ceremonies occurring after May 28th.

The date for Pasco High School Commencement ceremony is **June 4, 2021 @ 7:30pm.**

The event will be livestreamed. We encourage all that are unable/unwilling to attend the in-person ceremony to view the ceremony online.

The link is <https://www.facebook.com/events/801914027099438/?sfnsn=mo>

Sign language interpreters will be at graduation. Please contact administration if you are in need of this service.

COVID-19 expectations

We are committed to a culture of personal accountability as part of our community-wide effort to combat COVID-19. If you are experiencing symptoms or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, we ask that you do not attend the Commencement ceremony.

Face coverings are strongly encouraged for all graduates and guests. Particularly when entering/exiting and moving throughout the stadium. Please be respectful of those around you.

For those who cannot attend in person, a livestream of the ceremony is available, see link above. Anyone deemed at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19 by public health officials, are strongly encouraged to view the livestream rather than attend the ceremony in person.

ENTRANCE PROCEDURES for guests

Each graduate is able to bring **two** guests that will be able to sit on the field with the graduate. These two guests must accompany the graduate at check-in. All other guests that are attending the ceremony will be sitting in the home bleachers. Please understand that we have limited seating and once the stadium reaches maximum capacity, no one else will be permitted to enter the stadium.

There will be two check-in entrances. Graduates and guests on the field must arrive together for the check in process. The entry on the South side will service all female students, in addition to any Summa Cum Laude graduates, the entry on the North side will service all male students, in addition to any disability parking.

The seats on the field will be divided into 3 different sections. The males will be on the north side in alphabetical order, the females will be on the south side in alphabetical order with the Summa Cum Laude Graduates in the front in alphabetical order. Please see may below.

Check-in will begin at 5:45pm and will conclude promptly at 7:15pm. If you are not inside the stadium by 7:15pm, you will need to view the ceremony via livestream (link is in the information above). If you exit the stadium for any reason, you may not re-enter.

Each attendee will be allowed to bring in one unopened bottle of water. Also, only clear bags of appropriate size will be allowed, one per guest.

DISABILITY Access: If you or one of your guests need wheelchair seating accommodations, be aware that the school does **not** provide wheelchairs on site. Guests with mobility concerns are strongly encouraged to bring their own wheelchair or elect to view the livestream. Wheelchair seating will be provided on the home side area in the metal bleachers.

PERMITTED/PROHIBITED ITEMS

Security has the right to inspect any item at any time for the purpose of safety.

Prohibited items must be returned to cars or disposed of before entering and will not be accepted by employees nor stored at the gates.

The CLEAR BAG POLICY is in effect. Please follow the guidelines below as well:

*Permitted Items*

* Bags that are clear plastic, vinyl, or PVC and do not exceed 12"x6"x12"
* One-gallon clear plastic freezer bags
* Small clutch bags, with or without a handle or strap, that do not exceed 4.5" x 6.5"
* Bags that contain necessary medical items
* Water, in sealed plastic bottles; must fit inside the permitted-sized bag
* Cameras and video recorders (Clear Bag Policy will apply to camera bags)
* Diaper bags are permissible

*Prohibited Items*

For the safety, security, and experience of all guests, the following items are prohibited:

* Backpacks and bags that do not follow clear bag specifications
* Wrapped gifts or packages wherein the contents are not visible
* Alcohol
* Firearms or weapons
* Glass and aluminum containers
* Pasco County School campuses are tobacco-free campuses and there will be no smoking, or vaping
* Large items, such as banners and posters, or amplification equipment, such as bullhorns or megaphones

PARKING

Parking for Commencement is free and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Once the stadium lot is full, overflow parking will be at the baseball field and the practice field.

We are asking all graduates that drive themselves to please park in the teaching parking lot to reserve the other parking areas for guests.

Disability parking is free and available on a first-come, first-served basis. The location of the disability parking is closest to the stadium by the North entrance. Please note, this is different from our normal disability parking.

CONCESSIONS

Guests are permitted to bring in one, unopened bottle of water. Concessions will be available for bottled water only.

RESTROOMS

* Restrooms will be available.
* The restrooms are located on the backside of the concession.

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* Pictures will be taken by a photography company during the ceremony and will be made available for purchase.
* Guests will not be permitted to come to the stage and take pictures while their graduate is receiving their diploma. We ask that guests in the stadium remain seated throughout the ceremony to ensure all guests are able to see the graduates.

Dismissal

* At the end of the commencement ceremony, please leave the stadium immediately and collect your diploma packet in the quad area on campus.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

The Commencement Ceremonies will only be rescheduled in the event of severe weather.  Severe weather is defined as rain accompanied by high wind, thunder, and lightning. If necessary, the alternate ceremony time will be announced on the school website.

If it is raining on the morning of Commencement, but not declared severe weather, the ceremony will be held as planned in the stadium.

If weather is a concern for you or a member of your party, you may wish to consider a different viewing option.