



# GRADUATION 2021



## 2021 Commencement

Saturday, June 12

According to Pasco School District Policy, only fully qualified seniors who are credit deficient, who failed a required course, or have not completed their state testing requirements are ineligible and should make a plan with a counselor for completion of diploma requirements.

All seniors will wear purple caps and gowns for the commencement exercises. Students are expected to dress appropriately for this formal ceremony. Jeans and shorts worn under the gown will not be considered acceptable attire for this occasion. Young men should wear slacks and a light-colored shirt, while young women will be most comfortable in a dress or a skirt and blouse. High heels are not recommended.

Due to Department of Health guidelines related to COVID, staff, students and guests are required to wear masks during the graduation ceremonies.

Seniors will have the option to sign up for one of three ceremonies:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ceremony - purple tickets - 9:00 a.m.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ceremony - white tickets - 11:00 a.m.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ceremony - gray tickets - 1:00 p.m.

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**Note: Graduates will not be allowed to participate in the procession or the ceremony if they are not appropriately dressed.**

**Still need to order a cap and gown:**  
[www.thegradoutlet.com](http://www.thegradoutlet.com)  
*Caps and Gowns are not to be decorated in any way.*

### Tickets are required to attend 2021 Graduation Ceremonies

5 tickets will be issued to each senior to be given to friends and family. There will be a small number of extra tickets that families can request.

On June 1 at 7:00 p.m. we will send out an *Extra Ticket Request Form* via email to all graduate's PSD email accounts. Extra tickets will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis, determined by the completion of the *Extra Ticket Request Form*. The amount of available extra tickets to be requested per student, will be determined by the total amount of extra tickets available.

Tickets will be distributed during the Senior Recognition Drive Thru Event on June 2.

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## Graduation Practices: Friday, June 11

Per Pasco School District Policy, all seniors going through graduation must report for practice at Edgar Brown Memorial Stadium.

Graduation practice will be in 3 sessions on Friday, June 11. You must attend the practice that goes with the graduation ceremony you are signed up for.

1st ceremony - practice will be at 9:00 a.m.

2nd ceremony - practice will be at 11:00 a.m.

3rd ceremony - practice will be at 1:00 p.m.

Remember, you will not be allowed to park at Emerson Elementary School or inside the stadium.



**The World Is  
Yours To Conquer**

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### The Big Day!

On Saturday, June 12, students need to arrive at the PHS Auditorium 1 hour before the start of the ceremony.

1st ceremony - arrive at 8:00 a.m.

2nd ceremony - arrive at 10:00 a.m.

3rd ceremony - arrive at 12:00 p.m.

Graduates should arrive with their caps and gowns in hand. At this location the graduates will put on their gowns, approved regalia (medals and honor cords), and line up.

**Please plan to be dropped off at the PHS Auditorium and leave all valuables at home or with a parent. There is no place to store them during the ceremony.**



**Do not decorate  
any of your  
graduation  
regalia**

**Plan Early:** All textbooks and supplies must be turned in by June 10. All fees and fines must be cleared by June 11. Remember, this includes fees for replacement student ID badges. Your diploma will not be issued until all fines are paid.

### Graduation Photos:

No one will be allowed on the track or field to take pictures during the ceremony.



### Of course you know...

Students are expected to share in the graduation celebration through their attendance. Both students and parents should understand that the ceremony itself is not the appropriate time for high-jinx. Items which are inconsistent with the atmosphere of respect and decorum will be confiscated.



**Any student who intentionally disrupts the graduation ceremony will be escorted from the stadium and may be charged according to WAC and/or the school district discipline code.**

Any students who are found to have been using alcohol or other drugs will not be allowed to participate in the ceremonies. The use of alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs is strictly forbidden at any school district event by any person.

#### Reminder to parents and friends:

Out of respect for others, balloon bouquets and noise makers will not be allowed in the stadium. Balloons tend to block the view of the ceremony. Noise makers are a disruption and a nuisance to those sitting close by.



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## Graduation Seating: Tickets are required to attend

The west gates at Edgar Brown Stadium will open 30 minutes before the ceremonies are to begin. Parking is available at the Visitor's Entrance (east gate) of the stadium however, the gate will be closed.

According to fire code, the stairs must remain cleared during the ceremony.

There are a small number of seats available for limited mobility guests and wheelchairs along the top rail south of the press box. Because of limited space, there will be seating for only one escort per wheelchair. Handicapped parking will be available in the stadium parking lot along the fence.

Note: Early access to the stadium to reserve seats will not be available.

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There is a good reason they call  
these ceremonies  
"commencement exercises."  
Graduation is not the end; it's  
the beginning. ~Orrin Hatch