



Hudson High School

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Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

The Class of 2024 proudly announces its graduation. The graduation ceremony will be held on **Saturday, June 1, 2024 at 9:00AM at the University of South Florida**. Though the ceremony begins at 9:00AM, students will report to the Yuengling Center by **7:30AM**. In order to uphold the dignity of our graduation ceremony and to meet increased security requirements, the following procedures will be followed by the University of South Florida and the Pasco County School District for all Senior and Graduation Activities.

*Please note, **Graduation Practice** is a mandatory event and students who do not attend Grad Practice will not be able to attend graduation. Please refer to the Senior Activities letter for additional information.

***For all senior events and graduation, **students must be dressed according to the Pasco County School District Dress Code. Students will be sent home to change if they are out of dress code.**

1. Parking lots around the University of South Florida charge \$8.00 for parking. All of this will be done electronically via credit card and cash will not be accepted.
2. When you arrive at the University of South Florida, please make sure that you enter at the Fowler Avenue and Bull Run entrance. There will be signs throughout the area that will direct you.
3. The graduates must carry their caps and gowns into the University of South Florida Yuengling Center as a visual search will be conducted by security personnel. Graduates may put their gowns on after they have entered the building. Additionally, they should not bring anything else with them except their caps and gowns... no purses or bags. Only Hudson High School provided regalia may be worn with their gown. Caps can be decorated on the top flat surface, as long as it is in "good taste". All decorum is limited to single dimension (nothing can be hanging or three dimensional). Graduates should enter and go immediately to the entry that is marked for graduates (the Gate A Annex near the USF Store).
4. All bags brought in by guests will be searched and all guests will be wanded by security staff. No backpacks will be permitted in the University of South Florida. Cameras and binoculars will only be permitted if they are out of their cases (the cases should be left in the car). No professional camera equipment will be allowed in the arena.
5. Tickets are NOT required for entry into the commencement exercises. For seating, your party should arrive at the same time if you want to sit together.
6. Balloons, flowers, signs, noisemakers of any kind (including, but not limited to, bull horns, cowbells, whistles and air horns), or laser pointers will NOT be allowed in the University of South Florida.
7. Concessions at the University of South Florida may be open before the ceremony begins. Food and drink can be purchased for guests only.
8. Hearing-impaired services are available. Please contact Mrs. Edina Mercurio if you need this service.
9. We recommend having a pre-arranged meeting place set with your graduate and family following the ceremony. Graduates will first have to pick up their diplomas following the ceremony in the area reserved for graduates, then will be able to meet at a spot immediately following this process.

Students will be informed by their school counselor if their graduation status changes. If a student is no longer eligible to graduate per the standards set by the State of Florida and the School District of Pasco County, then he/she will not be able to participate in the graduation ceremony. A final 'walk list' will be posted on the front doors of the school on **Wednesday, May 29th at 2PM**. If a student is not on the 'walk list' they will not be permitted to attend the graduation ceremony.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation in making our graduation ceremony a memorable event for our graduates and their guests. If you have any questions or concerns regarding graduation, please contact Mrs. Edina Mercurio at emercuri@pasco.k12.fl.us or (727) 774-4307.

With best wishes,
Edina Mercurio
Class of 2024 Assistant Principal