

Fivay High School

Senior Class of 2021

Graduation Edition



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SENIOR FEES FOR THE CLASS OF 2021

Senior Fees are \$115 this school year. This covers the gown, cap with tassel, medallion, diploma, diploma cover, graduation ceremony facility and ceremony expenses, ceremony program, and senior breakfast. These fees must be paid in full in order to participate in our graduation ceremony. Please pay \$115 by **Friday, May 21, 2021**. Seniors will be able to pay the full amount throughout the school year by debit/credit card (preferred method) through the school website, <https://fhs.pasco.k12.fl.us>. Fees can also be paid in increments throughout the school year via the school website using the Rycor system. Students will not participate in graduation practice and the actual graduation ceremony if Senior Fees are not paid. All fee payments are final. **There will be no refunds.** Seniors that have paid and do not meet graduation requirements will not receive a refund. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Martanovic.

EVERYTHING CLASS OF 2021

Fivay High School website (<https://www.fhs.pasco.k12.fl.us>) → Students → Class of 2021 OR click on the Class of 2021 button on the website's home page

- Pay Senior Fees
- Order Class Apparel & Memorabilia
- Purchase Yearbook
- Purchase cords and stoles for graduation
- And much more 😊

IMPORTANT DATES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
F 5/14 – 1:15PM	Yearbook Signing Party – Fivay High School Cafeteria
F 5/14 – 6:30PM	Senior Car Parade @ FHS Student Parking Lot
T 5/18 – TH 5/20	District Finals and Semester Exams
TH 5/20 – 6:00PM	Senior Falcons of Excellence – FHS Cafeteria (Invitation only)
F 5/21 – 8:00AM	Senior Breakfast – Fivay High School Cafeteria
F 5/21	Senior & School Fees due
M 5/24 – 9:00AM	Graduation Practice & Senior Checkout – FHS Gym
M 5/24 – 12:00PM	Senior Picnic – FHS Stadium

T 5/25– 9:00AM	Graduation Practice & Senior Checkout – FHS Gym
T 5/25 – 11:00AM	Cap & Gown Distribution – FHS Gym
S 6/5 – 7:00AM	SAT @ GHS, RRHS, JWMHS, or KTech (registration deadline – 5/6)
S 6/5 – 9:00AM	Graduation Ceremony – FHS Stadium
S 6/12 – 7:00AM	ACT @ FHS (registration deadline – 5/7)
S 7/17 – 7:00AM	ACT @ FHS (registration deadline – 6/18)

SENIOR BREAKFAST

All senior students are invited to attend Senior Breakfast that will be held in our cafeteria on **Friday, May 21, 2021 at 8AM**. Seniors will not be permitted in after 8:15AM. While formal attire is NOT required, students are encouraged to dress in business casual attire. This would include dress pants, dress shirt with tie, socks and dress shoes, a dress or skirt and blouse or pant suit.

If seniors need clothing and/or shoes for the ceremony, please contact Mrs. Susan Libby at slibby@pasco.k12.fl.us or call the school and ask to speak with her.

GRADUATION PRACTICE & SENIOR CHECKOUT

Graduation Practice and Senior Checkout will be held on **Monday, May 24, 2021 from 9:00AM – 12:00PM** and **Tuesday, May 25, 2021 from 9:00AM – 11:00AM** at Fivay High School's gym. Cap and Gown distribution will take place beginning at **11:00AM on Tuesday, May 25, 2021**. Attendance on both days is **MANDATORY** for participation in graduation on **Saturday, June 5, 2021**. Senior Checkout will be conducted on both days, with final checkout held on the second day. **Students should not plan on leaving until 12:00PM on BOTH DAYS**. Only students who properly checkout and attend graduation practice will be able to participate in the Graduation Ceremony. The administrator in charge of graduation (Ms. Martanovic) **MUST** review and approve any extenuating circumstances. *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 and this may jeopardize their participation in graduation.* Caps & Gowns are distributed on the second day of Graduation Practice and Senior Checkout to those who have come for both days and have met all graduation requirements including returning all school property and paying all required fees. If a senior chooses not to participate in the graduation ceremony on Saturday, June 5, he or she is not required to attend graduation practice but must be complete checkout with Ms. Martanovic before receiving diploma.

SENIOR PICNIC

Senior Picnic will be held on **Monday, May 24, 2021** beginning at 11:30AM at the stadium. Students will be provided lunch; pulled pork sandwich or hotdog, chips, and a drink. Students may eat their lunch in the stands while listening to music and signing yearbooks.

CLASS OF 2021 GRADUATION CEREMONY GUIDELINES

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation! We are giving you the following guidelines so that graduation will be a proud memory for all graduates.

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. Guests should maintain appropriate social distance between parties in the stands and when moving through the stadium concourse. Please be respectful of those around you.

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

Social distancing is recommended while inside and outside of the school stadium.

CEREMONY

The graduation ceremony will be held on **Saturday, June 5, 2021 at 9:00AM**. It will begin promptly at 9:00AM. Seniors are to report no later than 8:30AM to the school's stadium and be seated with up to two guests on the football field.

We encourage those that are unable/unwilling to attend the in-person ceremony to view the ceremony online. The ceremony will be broadcast live. See your school's webpage for more information.

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.

DRESS EXPECTATIONS

Graduation Gowns: We have ordered all caps and gowns for students. Please do not order a second cap and gown from Herff Jones. Please arrive in your cap and gown. We will not have extra gowns on hand. Make sure that you bring yours to the ceremony. Gowns are to look like they did when received from the company. Nothing extra may be added to them.

Personal Items: Leave purses, cameras, and personal items with a parent or friend in the audience; they may not be taken in during the processional. Flowers or corsages are NOT permitted.

Graduation Cap: The mortarboard (graduation cap) is to be worn flat with the tassel over the right eye. Once the seniors are declared graduates, the tassel is moved to the left side in unison with the class. Mortarboards may be decorated but must follow *Pasco County School District Dress Code* guidelines and be school appropriate. We will not have extra caps or tassels on hand. Make sure that you bring yours to the ceremony.

Cords and Stoles: Cords and Stoles are to be worn on the outside of the gown. Only cords and stoles purchased through the school may be worn.

Dress Code for Graduates: Dress pants and dress shirt with tie, a dress or skirt and blouse or pantsuit are recommended outfits. If wearing pants, wear matching/dark socks with dress shoes. No flip flops, etc. are allowed. We recommend that students not wear high heels, as there will be a lot of walking (on grass) and stair climbing.

If seniors need clothing and/or shoes for the ceremony, please contact Mrs. Susan Libby at slibby@pasco.k12.fl.us or call the school and ask to speak with her.

Failure to comply with the dress policy may result in the student not being permitted to participate in the ceremony. Security will do a visual search of all the graduates and any guests entering the stadium.

TRAFFIC TO AND PARKING AT FIVAY HIGH SCHOOL

Gates to parking area on Canton Avenue (Student parking lot) will open at 7:30AM. Please be advised that the time of arrival for the graduation ceremony for students will coincide with Saturday morning traffic along SR 52, Little Road, and US 19. Please plan appropriately when leaving your homes and give yourself more than enough time to arrive without incident. It is expected that all graduates and guests be in their seats on the field no later than 8:30AM. Parking is free and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Disability parking is available, on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact Mr. Joens, Principal, in advance to make any special arrangements.

ENTRANCE/DISMISSAL

Each senior is permitted to bring up to four guests. Two guests may sit with the graduate on the field and the other two guests must sit in the home side stands. **All four guests are required to enter the stadium WITH the graduate.** There is no re-entry once the senior and his/her guests have arrived. There will be two entrances to the stadium; Graduates with the last name beginning A-L will check in and enter with their guests through Gate 1 (closest to the school, home side) and graduates with the last name beginning M-Z will check in and enter with their guests through Gate 2 (closest to Canton Avenue, visitor side).

If you or one of your guests need wheelchair seating accommodations, be aware that the schools do **not** provide wheelchairs on site. Guests with mobility concerns are strongly encouraged to bring their own wheelchair or elect to view the livestream.

We ask that guests in the stadium remain seated throughout the ceremony to ensure all guests can see the graduates.

Each attendee can bring in one unopened bottle of water and an umbrella if needed. Only clear bags of appropriate size will be allowed in, one per guest.

After the graduation ceremony, please exit the stadium immediately to the parking lot where all guests are required to exit the grounds.

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 for each Graduation Ceremony.

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 (one unopened bottle per guest), in sealed plastic bottles; must fit inside the permitted-sized bag
- Umbrellas
- Cameras and video recorders (Clear Bag Policy applies to camera bags)
- Strollers (except for in the seating areas)
- 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 permitted anywhere on the Fivay High School campus
- Large items, such as banners and posters, or amplification equipment, such as bullhorns or megaphones

BEHAVIOR

Graduation is a momentous occasion not only for the seniors, but also for their parents, families, and friends. For that reason, the ceremony is to be held with dignity and courtesy to others. ***All participants are expected to conduct themselves in a manner appropriate for the occasion, which includes walking across the stage. All participants must comply with the Pasco County Student Code of Conduct. Inappropriate behavior will result in both students and parents/guardians having to meet with the school administration prior to receiving a diploma.***

Improper noises and distractions will not be permitted. This includes, but is not limited to, noisemakers such as bullhorns, air horns, whistles, cowbells, and firecrackers, etc. Do NOT bring in beach balls, silly string, or any item that would be deemed inappropriate. We ask that you request family and friends to remain seated throughout the ceremony, except when it is appropriate to stand (during the Pledge of Allegiance, for example), as a courtesy to other graduates and their families and friends. No one, other than graduates and designated guests are permitted in the seating area for graduates on the field. Guests in the stands are required to sit on bleachers. Guests are not permitted to stand at railings, concession area, or ramps.

Anyone under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not receive his/her diploma and/or will be turned over to appropriate law enforcement officials.

CONCESSIONS

Guests are permitted to bring in one, unopened bottle of water. Concessions will be available for drinks before, during, and after the ceremony. Cash only. Guests waiting in line will be asked to maintain at least six feet distance from other customers. We strongly encourage face coverings to be worn at the concession area.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Gigante Productions (813-907-1078) will photograph each senior individually upon receiving his/her diploma and congratulations from the principal, as well as with their diploma. Purchase of these photographs is optional. There will be a QR code on the back of the graduation program that is to be used to view and order photographs. Gigante Productions will notify seniors when the pictures are ready and all questions regarding these pictures should go to Gigante Productions. Please make sure that your phone number and address is correct with Fivay High School, as that is the phone number and address that we will provide to Gigante Productions. Fivay High School does not receive any of these pictures or information following graduation.