



Zephyrhills High School



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Class of 2025 proudly announces its graduation ceremony on **Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 9:00am at the University of South Florida Yuengling Center (Sun Dome)**. Students will report to the USF Yuengling Center by 7:30am. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in making our graduation ceremony a memorable event! The following information all pertains to the most important upcoming ZHS Graduation Events from April to June:

1. All Caps and Gowns should already be purchased through Herff Jones on the Herff Jones website or rented through ZHS using the ZHS website. If you haven't done either, you can still pay the late fee with Herff Jones or you can still rent one with ZHS. Visit the ZHS website for details: <https://zhs.pasco.k12.fl.us/class-of-2025/> If you need help paying for the Cap and Gown by purchase or rent, please contact Mrs. Dorraine Dyer or Mrs. Judy Williams.
2. Senior Shout Outs are due **Thursday, April 17** at the end of the day. These are short messages that will be displayed on the huge USF Jumbotron score board during the ZHS graduation ceremony on June 5. Any family member or friend may purchase Senior Shout Outs for a designated senior. To purchase, the cost is \$25 each and the Shout Out request form must be completed on the ZHS website: <https://zhs.pasco.k12.fl.us/class-of-2025/>
3. The Senior Excellent Celebration Breakfast for the Top 20 senior students and 4.0+ GPA senior students (invitations will be provided) will be held on **Wednesday, April 23** at the ZHS Media Center during 2nd period from 8:10-9:10am. Students are welcome to bring up to 3 guests to this event (family members and/or friends). Invited students should dress nicely since there will be awards and photo opportunities for this event.
4. The Senior Scholarship and Awards Night for invited members of the Class of 2025 will be held on **Tuesday, May 20** at 6:00pm in the ZHS Gym. Invited students should dress nicely since there will be awards and photo opportunities for this event.
5. Senior Check-Out Day is on **Thursday, May 22** in the ZHS Gym through English classes and attendance is **REQUIRED**. All senior students will turn in the Check-out form with signatures from their teachers that all grades have been finalized and all school materials returned. Specifically, any outstanding student fees must be paid, any missing textbooks must be returned, and any sports uniforms or other resources must be returned.
6. Graduation Practices are also **REQUIRED**. They will be held at the ZHS Gym on **Wednesday, May 28 from 8:00–11:00am and Thursday, May 29 from 8:00–11:00pm**. Any student who does not attend graduation practice without a pre-approved absence may not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony. Students should arrive at the school by 7:45am and be ready to practice on time. **Students should not plan on leaving graduation practice until after 11:00am**. Students who plan to stay the whole day must follow their normal class schedule from 11:00am to 1:36pm.
7. Students will receive their purchased or rented **Caps and Gowns after graduation practice is over on Thursday May 29** if they successfully completed their Check Out sheets with no outstanding fees and if they fully attended both days of graduation practice. Exceptions must be approved by Dr. Yonkof.
8. The Baccalaureate Service on **Tuesday, June 3** at New Walk Church in Zephyrhills is optional and open to any graduating seniors along with their families and friends. Seniors should arrive wearing their Caps and Gowns at 5:30pm, the service begins at 6:00pm. The service will have singing, testimonies, guest speakers, and a time for refreshments afterwards.
9. **Information about Graduation Day on Thursday, June 5:**
 - Students should arrive at USF at 7:30am. **DO NOT BE LATE!** Doors open for guests starting at 8:00am and the Graduation ceremony starts at 9:00am.
 - Tickets are **NOT** required for entry into the commencement exercises and seating is free. Furthermore, there is no limit for the number of guests per graduate for the ceremony. For seating, your party should arrive at the same time if you want to sit together.
 - Parking lots around the University of South Florida charge \$13.00 for parking per vehicle electronically via credit card. Cash will not be accepted.
 - 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 where to go.
 - The graduates must carry their caps and gowns into the University of South Florida Sun Dome as a visual search will be conducted by security personnel. Graduates may put their gowns on after they have entered the building. They should not bring anything else with them, including purses and bags.
 - Graduates should enter and go immediately to the entry that is marked for graduates called "the Corral" (Enter by Gate Entrance A near the USF Store).
 - All bags brought in by guests will be searched. All guests will walk through metal detectors and 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 (leave cases in your vehicle).
 - NO balloons, beach balls, silly string, confetti, laser pointers, or noisemakers of any kind (including, but not limited to, bull horns, cowbells, whistles and air horns). These items or anything similar will NOT be allowed in the University of South Florida and may be confiscated without return.
 - Concessions at the University of South Florida may be open before the ceremony begins. Food and drink can be purchased for guests only.
 - American Sign Language (ASL) services will be provided during the ceremony.
 - 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 Corral (the area reserved for graduates), then will be able to meet their families immediately afterwards
 - Photographs and video of the graduates and ceremony are done by Gigante Productions and a copy of the video of the ceremony can be purchased. More information regarding this will be forthcoming.
 - The graduation ceremony will be live streamed for those who are not able to attend. More information regarding this will be forthcoming.

Students will be informed directly by the school 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. If you have any questions or concerns regarding graduation, please contact Dr. Jennifer Yonkof at e-mail jingerso@pasco.k12.fl.us, office number 813-794-6159, or text 813-485-6814.

With best wishes,

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