



Zephyrhills High School



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Dear Graduates and Parents/Guardians,

As a reminder, the Class of 2025 will have our graduation ceremony on **Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 9:00am at the University of South Florida Yuengling Center (formerly "Sun Dome")**. Graduates 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 pertains to the most important upcoming ZHS Graduation Events from May to June:

1. Please visit this link for all district-wide graduation information from Pasco County School District: <https://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/news/page/2025-high-school-graduation-dates-and-times>
2. 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.
3. **Senior Check-Out Day** is on **Thursday, May 22** in the ZHS Gym and attendance is **REQUIRED**.
 - Last names from A-L report at 7:30-9:00am. Last names from M-Z report at 9:00-10:30am.
 - At Senior Check-Out, all seniors will turn in the Check-Out form with signatures from their teachers that all grades have been finalized and all school materials returned. Also, any missing student fees should be paid, all textbooks/resources must be returned, and any sports uniforms turned in.
 - All seniors must also complete the Transcript Request Form (even if not attending a college) and the Senior Survey before checking out.
 - Check with Dr. Yonkof about any extenuating circumstances for Senior Check-Out Day or paying for student fees.
4. The **two Graduation Rehearsals/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**. Seniors should arrive at the school Gym **no later than 7:45am** and be ready to practice on time. **Seniors should not plan on leaving Graduation Practice until after 11:00am**. Seniors will be allowed to leave as soon as practice is over, but any students who plan to stay the whole day must follow their normal class schedule from 11:00am to 1:36pm. Any student who does not attend Graduation Practice without a pre-approved absence runs the risk of not being allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony. Check with Dr. Yonkof about any extenuating circumstances.
5. Seniors 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.
6. The **Baccalaureate Service** on **Tuesday, June 3** at New Walk Church in Zephyrhills is optional and free 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 time for refreshments afterwards.
7. **Information about Graduation Day on Thursday, June 5:**
 - Graduates 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.
 - When arriving at the University of South Florida, make sure to enter the campus at the Fowler Avenue and Bull Run entrance. There will be signs throughout the area with directions. Please see the map on the back of this page.
 - Parking lots around the University of South Florida charge \$10.00 for parking per vehicle electronically via debit/credit card ONLY. Cash will NOT be accepted! There is no pre-sale parking and no reserved parking except for handicapped/disabled parking which fills up quickly, so plan accordingly.
 - Graduates should enter the building by **Gate Entrance A** (near the USF Store) and go immediately to the entry marked for graduates called **"the Corral."**
 - Graduates must carry their caps and gowns into the University of South Florida and a search will be conducted by security personnel. Graduates may put their gowns on after they have entered the building.
 - 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 distraction items such as 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) are allowed. These items or anything similar will NOT be allowed in the building 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.
 - The Graduation Programs will be virtual by QR code. Check the School Website on June 5 for the QR code: <https://zhs.pasco.k12.fl.us/>
 - 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 actual diplomas following the ceremony in the Corral (the area reserved for graduates), then will be able to meet their families immediately afterwards.
 - Photographs of the graduates and ceremony are taken by Leonard's and may be purchased after the ceremony. Please see the QR code on the back.
 - The graduation ceremony will be live streamed for those who are not able to attend. Here is the Facebook link to see the live stream for ZHS <https://youtube.com/live/DXGqMvv8mks?feature=share>
 - Videos of the Ceremony can be purchased at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/PCSDGradVideo>

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.

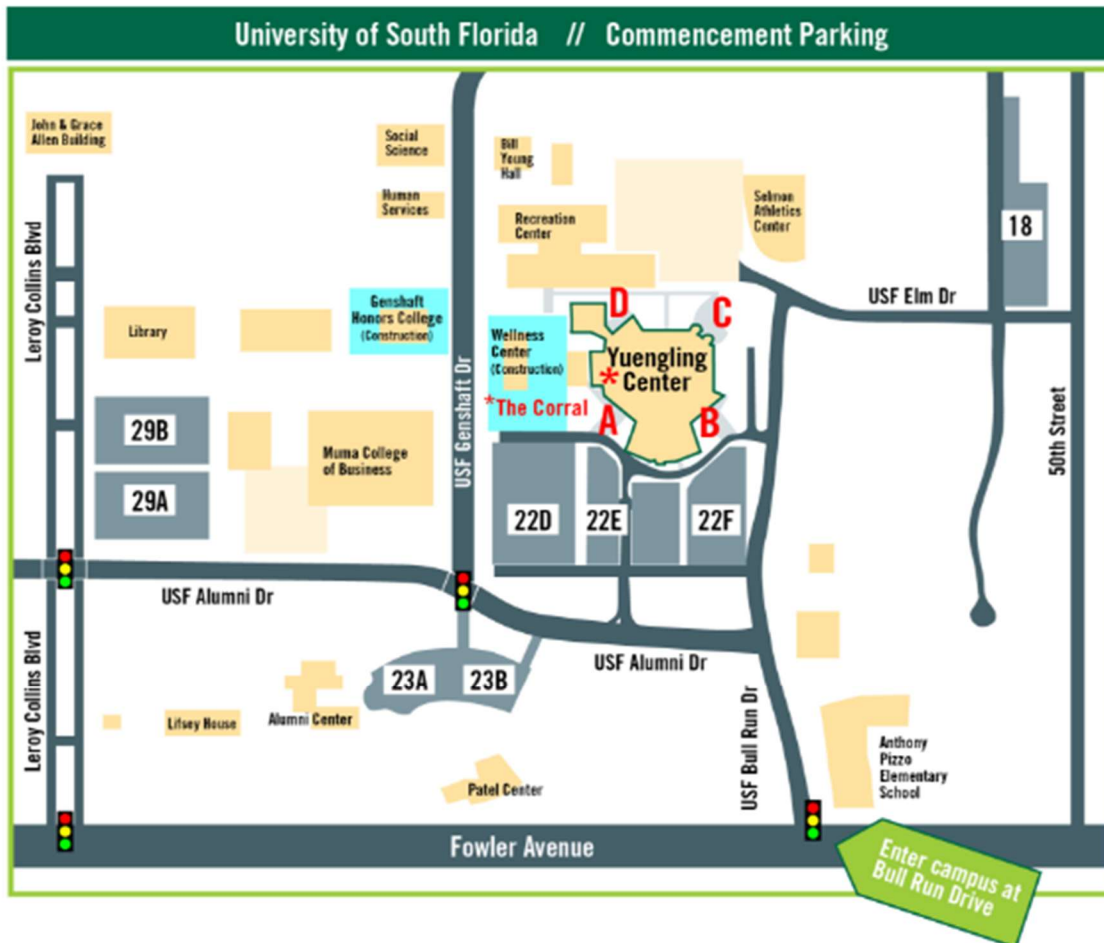
With best wishes,

Dr. Jennifer A. Yonkof

12th Grade Assistant Principal

DIRECTIONS AND PARKING

For GPS please use the physical address of the Yuengling Center: 12499 USF Bull Run Drive, Tampa, FL 33617. The cost is \$10 per vehicle for parking via debit/credit ONLY for all Commencement ceremonies.



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