

Palmetto High School Class of 2020 Commencement Ceremony
Thursday, July 30th
9:00AM
LECOM Park in Bradenton, FL

General Information

The following is a detailed list of graduation protocols created by the School District of Manatee County. The same protocols are required of all district school commencement ceremonies.

If you ordered a cap and gown but still need to pick it up, you can do so when you pick up your tickets. You will need to pay any fines/fees you may owe the school (call Ms. Fabiano at 941-723-4848 ext 2080 to check total owed) and pay the \$60 Senior Fee. If you need a cap and gown but were not here in November to order, please email or send a remind to Ms. Flynt immediately. I will need your height and weight to place an order. If you need to pick up a cord (top 4%) or have not gotten one of your stoles, those can be picked up with your tickets too.

Each student will receive two tickets. Tickets can be picked up Monday, 7/27– Wednesday, 7/29 from 8:00-3:00 in the front office of PHS. Student must be present to get the tickets as they will need to sign for them.

The ceremony will be live streamed via METV or online (link will be available on the district and PHS webpages)

Graduates:

Masks are required and must be worn, covering the nose, at all times. If you do not bring a mask, we will provide one for you.

Students will enter the stadium through the student staging area off of the 17th St. W parking lot. Student check in times will be staggered and organized by alphabet. Student check in times will begin at 7:30. You must be on time and ready to check in at your designated time. You may be dropped off in the player lot off 17th St.

7:30 Last Names A-D

7:45 Last Names E-K

8:00 Last Names L-Q

8:15 Last Names R-Z

Dress code: School appropriate clothing is required. We recommend you wear something light and cool as it is going to be hot. Shorts and sneakers are perfectly fine this year (wear your red shoes! 😊). Closed toed shoes are preferred and NO heels or flip flops are allowed.
You are NOT allowed to decorate your cap.

Please carry your gown in. The district has asked that students wait until we are in line for the processional to put gowns on because it is going to be hot.

Tassels are worn on the right before you graduate. If you hold down the “button” on the top while pulling the cord, the tassel should lock into place. Be careful, though! They can easily fall off and we won’t have extras.

During the ceremony, you will pick up your diploma cover. All actual diplomas will be mailed to your home address. Make sure your address is correct on Focus as this is the address we will use.

Guests:

Masks are required and must be worn, covering the nose, at all time. If you forget one, they will be available for purchase.

Parking is scarce and events held at this field often lead to traffic jams so please plan accordingly. There will likely be several businesses in the area that open for paid parking so you may want to have cash available if you choose to park in a private lot.

With each pair of tickets, you will be given a color-coded card that details your designated check in time. You must present both your tickets and color card at the gate to enter. Please stay in your vehicles until 5 minutes before your scheduled entry time. Check in times are staggered beginning at 7:45AM and will run every 15 minutes until all sections are seated.

You will enter through the Left Field, Main Gate, or the Right Field entrance based on your assigned seat section. This information will be printed on your color card. You will be assigned two seats with an empty row between each occupied row.

You may bring a small bag (6" x 6" or smaller), closed bottles of water, hand sanitizer, and photography equipment. No drones will be allowed.

There are two professional photographers documenting the event and information for purchasing those photos will be available on our website.

Following the ceremony, you will be asked to remain seated until your section is called for dismissal.



Graduate Drop Off and Check-In

Graduates may be dropped off in the player lot off 17th street and are asked to check in on the schedule below.

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Guest Check-In and Entry

| Gate | Zone | Sections | Check-in Time |
|-------------|--------|------------------------|---------------|
| Left Field | Yellow | 7 and top of 9 | 7:45 am |
| Left Field | Black | Bottom of 9, 11 top 13 | 8:00 am |
| Left Field | Orange | Bottom 13 – 19 | 8:20 am |
| Main Gate | Red | 1 and 2 | 7:30 am |
| Main Gate | Blue | 3 and 4 | 7:45 am |
| Main Gate | Green | 8 and 10 | 8:05 am |
| Main Gate | Grey | 12 and 14 | 8:25 am |
| Right Field | Purple | 16 – 18 | 8:30 am |

