



GRADUATION INFORMATION

WRHS CLASS OF 2024

Monday, June 3rd at 5:00 PM

USF Yuengling Center

Please read the information below for graduation.

Parking for Students and Families

Parking can be purchased ahead of time at: <https://www.parkwhiz.com/yuengling-center-parking/>

Please **make sure you find your specific graduation and purchase the parking for that graduation.** With fees, it comes to \$13 (\$5 in fees plus \$8 for parking) on the link and on the Parkwhiz app.

If the parking for our ceremony is sold out online, please remember that it is a presale and that you can still purchase parking the day of the ceremony when you are pulling in to park. It will still be credit card only. You should NOT purchase parking for a different graduation.

Traffic to and Parking at the University of South Florida Yuengling Center: Please be advised that the time of arrival for the graduation ceremony for students (4:00PM) will coincide with early afternoon/evening traffic that is very heavy based on the location of the University of South Florida. Please plan appropriately when leaving your homes and give yourself more than enough time to arrive without incident. Once students and staff have left for the beginning of the ceremony, the students will not be permitted to enter the seating area for graduates. This is University of South Florida's security policy and will be strictly enforced. *There are parking areas throughout the areas around the University of South Florida.* Disabled parking is located at Gate A and Gate D, Parking Lot Area 22F.

Graduation Ceremony DVD

If you would like to purchase a DVD of the graduation ceremony for your school, the cost is \$20. Please follow the steps below:

1. Go to <https://www.studentquickpay.com/pasco/MyAccount/Main.aspx?webitemid=19295>
2. Complete the online form. Make sure you type the full name of your school in the "High School" field. Once you have completed the form, click "Add to Cart."

3. Click on your cart and checkout. At the checkout screen, you will see a "J.W. Mitchell High School" banner across the top of the cost notification. This is correct. JW Mitchell High School is organizing all of the school DVD sales. As long as you typed in your school's name in step 2, you will receive the correct DVD.

Important - the Live Stream link below will be active during our graduation event.

Wiregrass Ranch High School – <https://youtube.com/live/iAF18K9dgZY?feature=share>

Graduation Ceremony Information

Ceremony

- The graduation ceremony will be held on **Monday, June 3rd at 5:00PM**. It will begin promptly at 5:00PM. Seniors are to report at **4:00PM** to the University of South Florida Yuengling Center in Tampa to line up for the ceremony. Please follow the signs upon entering the University of South Florida Yuengling Center, as they will direct students and guests to the areas in which they should go. Students should enter the Corral, which is to the left of Gate A.

Dress Expectations

- ***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 sneakers, sandals, flip flops, etc. are allowed. We recommend that students not wear high heels, as there will be a lot of walking and stair climbing. No visible "bulky" jewelry, scarves, ribbons, etc. are permitted.
- ***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 Gowns:*** Please carry your cap and gown to the University of South Florida Yuengling. 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.
- ***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 are to look like they did when received from the company. Nothing extra may be added to them. We will not have extra caps or tassels on hand. Make sure that you bring yours to the ceremony. You may decorate your cap following the Cap Agreement turned into Ms. Vergne and received approval.

- **Graduation Regalia (Cords & Stoles):** Cords and stoles that are approved are the only cords and stoles that should be worn. Approved cords and stoles include academic honor cords, service clubs, and honor societies.
- *Failure to comply with the dress policy may result in the student not participating in the ceremony. Security will do a visual search of all graduates and guests to the University of South Florida Yuengling Center.*

Behavior

- Graduation is a momentous occasion for seniors, their parents, families, and friends. For that reason, the ceremony is to be held with dignity and courtesy to others. **All participants must behave appropriately for the occasion, including walking across the stage. All participants must comply with the Pasco County Student Code of Conduct. Inappropriate behavior will result in students and parents/guardians meeting with the school administration before 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, is permitted in the seating area for graduates.
- 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. As this is a School District of Pasco County event, alcohol will not be permitted inside of any of the areas in the University of South Florida Yuengling Center dedicated to the graduation ceremony.

Seating & Tickets (including Handicapped Seating)

- Seating is unlimited in the University of South Florida Yuengling Center. Tickets will not be necessary as a result. **No one, other than graduates and designated guests, is permitted on the floor partitioned off on the University of South Florida Yuengling Center.**
- Floor seating is only permitted for invited dignitaries, graduating seniors, band members, faculty and staff, and other invited guests. All these people will have tickets to go to the floor and will be listed on pre-approved lists provided to the University of South Florida Yuengling Center. No one else is permitted on the floor of the University of South Florida Yuengling Center.
- Those who need handicapped seating would be advised to enter Gate A, where there are elevators available. There is handicapped seating available throughout the Yuengling Center.

There is no reserved seating for the hearing impaired, but we recommend that they seat on the left side facing the stage. Upon entering the Yuengling Center, all people in attendance will be searched by security per Yuengling Center policy.

Photography

- Gigante Productions (813-907-1078) will photograph each senior individually upon receiving his/her diploma and congratulations from the principal and their diplomas. Purchase of these photographs is optional. Gigante Productions will notify seniors via mail when the pictures are ready and all questions regarding these pictures should go to Gigante Productions. Please make sure that your address is correct with Wiregrass Ranch High School, as that is the address that we will provide to Gigante Productions. Wiregrass Ranch High School does not receive any of these pictures or information following graduation.



Diploma Distribution

- Diplomas will be distributed by alphabet in the same way that students lined up behind the seating for guests. ***Students who have officially checked out can receive their diplomas and participate in graduation. Only students meeting the behavioral requirements at graduation will receive a diploma.***
- After receiving your diploma, please exit the University of South Florida Yuengling Center. We recommend having a pre-arranged meeting place set with your family.



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