

Lakewood High School

Class of 2023 Graduation Ceremony Information

All school financial, technology and textbook obligations must be cleared prior to participating in the graduation ceremony.

Graduation Ceremony Information

Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Time: 10:00 am * Gates open at 9:15 am

Location: Tropicana Field

1 Tropicana Drive

St. Petersburg, FL 33705

Graduation Candidate Information

Candidates should arrive to Gate 1 at 9:00 am dressed in their cap and gown

Male Dress Code

- White or light-colored shirt with a dark tie
- Dark trousers with belt
- Dark dress shoes and dark socks
- Shorts, tennis shoes, flip flops or slides are not permitted.

Female Dress Code

- Dress or dark dress slacks and white or light-colored blouse
- Dark colored dress shoes. {Flat or wedge shoes are recommended since students will be walking on varying types of surfaces. High or spiked heeled shoes may be difficult to walk in and could cause injury}
- Shorts, tennis shoes, flip flops or slides are not permitted.

Students will not participate in the ceremony if they are in violation of the graduation dress code. Each student will be checked for appropriate attire and appearance prior to participating in the ceremony.

Decorations of any kind **ARE NOT** permitted on graduation caps and gowns. Graduates **MUST** leave purses and electronic devices in their automobile during the ceremony. Lakewood High School's staff will not be responsible for holding cellular devices or purses/bags/backpacks.

Candidate Check-in

Graduates are always expected to maintain a dignified appearance. Any disruptive and/or behavioral issues will result in the student's diploma being held until a conference with Ms. Savage can be scheduled.

Upon your arrival at gate 1, candidates should immediately report to the check-in table. You will receive your reader card and graduation medallion. Place the medallion around your neck outside of your robe. Hold on to the reader card. After you receive these materials, quickly move to the student line up area. **Line up according to the number on your reader card.**

Check-In & Diploma Pick-up by Last Name	Staff Member
A - C	Mrs. Heatly
D - H	Mrs. Compas-Orange
I - N	Mr. Dowd
O - S	Ms. Wise
T - Z	Mr. Thomas

After the Ceremony & Diploma Pick-up

Seniors will enter the tunnel from the field and report to their check-out table to collect their diploma. After receiving their diploma graduates will immediately exit the building and proceed to parking lot to meet their families.

Family and Guest Information

Graduation Ceremony Location: Tropicana Field, St. Petersburg, FL

Ceremony Start Time: 10:00 am

Stadium entrance for guests: Gate 1 and Gate 5 - Gates open at 9:15 am. Stroller parking will be available at each gate.

Parking Locations and Cost: **\$10.00 per vehicle** and payable by **credit card only**. Lots 6 and 7 are open for parking. Students, parents, and friends/community members attending graduation must have a credit card to pay for the parking fee.

Lot 3 is the “**Rideshare Lot**” for those using taxis, Uber and/or Lyft.

Handicap Accessibility: Guests needing to drop-off a family member(s) who is unable to walk from the car may use the car circle in front of gate 4 to drop off the family member(s). Tropicana does not provide wheelchairs. Guests must bring their own wheelchairs or other ambulatory assistive devices.

Personal Items, Food and Beverages: We will follow MLB rules regarding bags/purses etc. The MLB rules are always subject to change based on events outside of our control. Students, parents, and community members are strongly encouraged to routinely check for updates regarding stadium rules on the Rays' website.

<https://www.mlb.com/rays/ballpark/information/security>

Infant Strollers: Individuals with young children that bring a stroller will NOT be allowed to bring the stroller into the stadium per Tropicana Field Staff. Stroller parking will be outside the stadium (Gate 1 and Gate 5). Please take all other personal belongings with you into the stadium. Staff members will monitor this area to help ensure the security of the stroller but are not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Flowers and Balloons: Per Tropicana Field Staff - No signs, flowers/gifts, balloons, or noisemakers will be permitted in the stadium.

