

Pickens High School Class of 2022 Graduation Information

Event	Date/Time/Information
Yearbook Presentation	5/20/2022 – 8:00 a.m. – PHS (PAC)
Last Day of School for Seniors	5/20/2022 – Last day for Seniors who are in good academic standing.
Elementary/JMS/PJHS Walk-through	5/25/2022 – 8:00 a.m. – Bus leaves from PHS
MANDATORY Graduation Practice	5/25/2022 – 10:00 a.m. – Report to New Gym
MANDATORY Graduation Practice – *Rain Date*	5/26/2022 – 8:00 a.m. – Report to New Gym
Baccalaureate Service	5/24/2022 – 6:00 p.m. – First Baptist Church Jasper
Report for Graduation	5/27/2022 – 4:30-5:00 p.m. - Report to PHS Gym (New)
Class of 2022 Class Picture	5/27/2022 - 5:00 p.m. – New Gym – Be dressed & ready
March to Stadium	5/27/2022 – 6:30 p.m. – Line up for March
2022 Commencement Ceremony	5/27/2022 – 7:00 p.m. – Dragon Stadium

Yearbook Presentation: Senior Class Yearbook Presentation will take place in the PAC.

Last Day of School: Seniors who have completed all required work and are passing their classes will not be required to attend the last week of school (5/23-5/27).

MANDATORY Graduation Practice: This gives our graduating seniors the opportunity to walk through the details of the ceremony in the venue(s) where it will take place. We will practice in the stadium, as well as in the Gym. We need every graduating Senior to be here. Seniors who do not attend this practice, will not participate in the ceremony. A rain day has been set for the following morning. Please make sure that you are available for both days, in the event of rain. Students do not have to wear their cap and/or gown. It is recommended that they wear the shoes they plan to graduate in.

Elementary/JMS/PJHS Walk-through: Our graduates are given the opportunity to walk through the other five schools in our district with their cap and gown. This is optional. However, this is a great opportunity to be recognized by former teachers and future PHS students. Participating students should wear their cap and gown.

Baccalaureate Service: This church service is held to honor our graduates and send them off with a message of hope and inspiration as they embark on the next chapter of their lives.

Graduation Day: Report to the PHS New Gym/PAC entry (if outdoors) between 4:30-5:00 p.m. We will be taking the group graduation photo at 5:00 p.m. We would like for all graduates to be dressed and ready by 5:00 p.m. for this photo. **Please do not be late.** It will be extremely difficult to get onto Dragon Drive if you do not plan to get here early. We would like to include every graduate in the photo, if possible.

Other Important Graduation Information:

Cap, Gown and Tassel: Students must wear the official green cap, gown and tassel distributed through Jostens, our provider for graduation items. They cannot substitute a different tassel or add an additional tassel to their cap for this ceremony. They cannot decorate or alter in any way their cap, gown or tassel. The “Diamond P” patch will be added to each student’s gown upon arrival the day of graduation, and will be part of each student’s attire during this ceremony.

Expectations of Attire Under Gown: Each student is expected to wear either a dress, or white dress shirt with dark tie and slacks underneath the gown. If slacks are worn, a dark color (Black, Dark Grey or Navy) with dark dress shoes and socks are preferred. If wearing a dress, dress shoes (high heels are not recommended) or sandals can be worn. Athletic/tennis shoes, flip-flops, Crocs, etc. are not acceptable. Dark boots are allowed to be worn. Please do your part to look sharp for this event. If students need assistance in obtaining these items, then they should reach out to their counselor. We will make sure we do our best to provide these items for them.

Diploma: Graduates will receive their diploma cover during the ceremony. They will receive their actual diploma after the ceremony. Staff members will be set up on the track to distribute diplomas to the graduates after the ceremony. Each student will need to have completed all graduation requirements to receive a diploma.

Behavior Expectations: Each student is expected to exhibit and maintain good conduct and behavior before, during, and after the commencement ceremony. Significant discipline issues on or off campus prior to the ceremony can affect their participation.

Guests and Graduate Expectations:

- Artificial noise makers (air horns, cowbells, megaphones, bull horns, etc.) and/or signs are distracting and not allowed during the ceremony.
- Cheering and clapping are encouraged.
- Any negative comments, booing or other disrespectful gestures will not be tolerated.
- Pickens High School is a drug, alcohol, tobacco, and vape free campus.
- Pets are not allowed on our campus at any time for any event.

Thank you for your help in adhering to these requirements. We want to ensure a safe and enjoyable event for all in attendance.