



Clearwater HS School 2025 Graduate Ceremony Information

All school financial obligations must be cleared prior to your approved participation in the graduation ceremony – including the return of your laptop

Date: Friday May 30, 2025

Location: BayCare Sound at Coachman Park

Ceremony Start Time: 11:30 am

Teacher Arrival Time: 10 am (All staff must have PCS ID to enter Clearwater Library- Parking off Drew St

Student Arrival Time: 10:30 am (Entry and start at Clearwater Public Library, 100 N. Osceola Ave

Gates Open to guest: 10:30 am (Guests will be checked by BayCare security checkpoint and be seated in venue)

****NO UMBRELLAS, BALLOONS, STROLLERS, OR NOISEMAKERS ARE ALLOWED IN THE SOUND. NO OUTSIDE CHAIRS, WEAPONS, COOLERS OR SMOKING INCLUDING VAPING UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES** DETAILED LIST IN SEPARATE ATTACHMENT****

Parking Cost and Information: All Clearwater Public Parking Garages and Public lots are available for parking during graduation ceremonies (designated with purple background as PARKING areas)

- Five privately owned lots are also available for parking for graduation ceremonies (designated with bold green borders as PARKING areas)
- Standard Rates for parking apply during all ceremonies at all designated parking areas
- PCS School buses will continuously run the shuttle system depicted in the parking map beginning at 6AM each ceremony date

Handicapped parking is available to cars that have a HANDICAP placard or license plate sticker visible to officers or personnel who will be monitoring handicapped parking access. Especially the spaces on the portion of N. Osceola Avenue which will be closed by Clearwater Police between Drew and Cleveland on ceremony dates, as well as to the handicap parking areas at the west end of Cleveland Street nearest the Coachman Park area. Please ensure guests bring their own wheelchairs or other ambulatory assistive devices.

Student Dress Code:

*Male students should wear a white or light-colored shirt with a dark tie, dark socks, dark dress shoes, and dark trousers. (Flip flops/Sandals are not acceptable) Shorts are **NOT** permitted

*Female students should wear a dress or skirt with comfortable shoes. High-heeled shoes are **NOT** recommended since students will be doing a lot of walking over various surfaces.

Shorts are **NOT** permitted.

Do not decorate your cap or your gown. Each student will be checked for appropriate attire and appearance prior to participating in the ceremony. NO custom stoles will be permitted

NO CELLPHONES -All cell phones and any electronic devices will be collected, tagged, and returned to you after the ceremony. It is recommended that graduates leave purses and electronic devices with a family member or in their automobile during the ceremony.

Students will not participate in the ceremony if you are in violation of the dress code



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Personal Items, Food, and Beverages: Clear bags not to exceed 12” x 6” OR small clutch bags 4.5” x 6.5” (size of an index card) that can fit in your pocket. NO OTHER BAGS OF ANY TYPE WILL BE ALLOWED. Diaper

Know your check-in/check-out teacher table!!!

Upon your arrival immediately report to your check-in/check-out teacher table. You will get your reader card and 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.

Processional: Graduates will proceed from the library in line 2x2 to The Sound. The lines will be escorted to their seats by the teachers. Every seat in every row must be filled. Please listen and pay attention to the teachers, so that you know which row to sit in. Graduates are to remain standing, until they are instructed to be seated

Receiving Diplomas: The teachers on the outside aisles will give the signal for graduates to stand when it is their turn to walk up to the stage. The entire row will stand together and then approach behind the stage. The teacher behind the stage will instruct you when to walk on stage and give your name card to Ms. Jakubzak or Mrs. Hoffman. (Please pronounce your name quietly as you hand one of them your name card.) The speaker will say your name as you approach Mr. Florio to receive your diploma cover.

Reach for the diploma cover with your left hand and shake hands with Mr. Florio with your right hand. Exit the stage through the door to the right of the stage. You will then walk through the hallway and be greeted by some of the Clearwater High School Faculty. Please return to your EXACT seat once you have gone through the receiving line. When all the graduates have received their diploma cover, Mr. Florio will ask for all graduates to stand and move their tassel from right to left, as he pronounces them graduates. You will then recess back to the library to obtain your diploma.

Recessional After the Ceremony:

Report back to your check-in/check-out teacher table to up three copies of the program and your diploma to place in your white cover. After receiving your diploma cover, exit the stadium and proceed to your vehicle. Please do not congregate outside the facility or in the parking lots. We need you to take pictures and celebrate after you leave the area.

Graduates are expected to maintain a dignified appearance at all times. Any disruptive behavioral issue will result in the student's diploma being held until a conference with Mr. Florio can be scheduled and consequences are completed.