Dr. Lennard High School
Graduation Information 2026

GRADUATION CEREMONY	**GRADUATION REHEARSAL**
Florida State Fairgrounds	Florida State Fairgrounds
Sunday, May 24, 2025 @ 8:00am	**Friday, May 15, 2025**
Students arrive by 7:00am	**Arrive by 3:45pm**
Graduates should use the Hwy 301 Gate on graduation day. Guests can use the MLK Gate or Hwy 301 Gate on graduation day. Parking is $10.00. Card or cash preferred. NO COINS.	4:45pm – 6:15pm Mandatory to participate in graduation!

Indebtedness: Please check with Student Affairs to clear your debt. If you have any debt, you will NOT receive your diploma, and you will have to pick it up at Lennard on Tuesday, May 26th.

General Announcements:

- Arrive Early – 7:00am. You must be in your line by 7:15am.
- Main Expo Hall – Entrances will open 45 minutes before the ceremony for guests (must have paper ticket)
- Arrange with your parents exactly where to meet them after graduation.
- **Parking Fee $10.00** – Can be paid in advance via info on back of each ticket. Correct change is appreciated.
- Leave all valuables at home or with your family, as there is no place to store them.
- If for any reason you arrive late and the ceremony has already begun, find an administrator for instructions.
- Remember to use the restroom **prior** to the ceremony.
- Remember to take your name card with you the stage – must be handed to guidance for name to be read.
- You will receive two (2) copies of the graduation program in your diploma envelope.

Arrival:

- Students will enter the venue through the Entertainment Hall NOT through the Expo Hall.
- When you arrive at the Fairgrounds you must already be dressed in your cap and gown.
- You will enter the facility and go straight to your line behind the bleachers
- Your name card will be given to you in line. Put on your medallion.
- There will be posters with your seat number in the cafeteria during the senior breakfast. This will also be posted on Canvas prior to the breakfast.
- **Guests' Expectations**
  - No large bags or camera cases are permitted. Violators will be returned to their vehicles.
  - No balloons, banners or noise makers are permitted. Violators will be directed to return to their vehicles.
  - No hired photographers allowed.

Dress Code:

Ladies

Dresses must be shorter than gowns or slacks (no jeans, joggers, or leggings)
No corsages or purses
Dress shoes ***(no sandals, sneakers, Crocs, UGGs, or athletic shoes)***

Men

Dress shirt **with a mandatory tie (or bow tie)** and dress pants (no jeans, joggers, or shorts).
Dark dress shoes with socks ***(no sandals, sneakers, Crocs, or athletic shoes)***

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Official Graduation Regalia:

No pins, chains, or other ornaments on your gown, unless it was given to you by a Lennard Official as a designation of your membership in an approved Lennard organization. Approved cords were given to students by their academic or service club advisors.

NO FLAGS, OR OTHER ITEMS ARE TO BE WORN DURING THE CEREMONY.

DO NOT FORGET YOUR CAP:

- It should be worn flat or almost flat, with the tassel on your right.
- Nothing is to be placed or written on your cap.
- Girls are reminded to use bobby pins.
- Write your name inside your hat with a black marker.

Behavior:

This is a dignified ceremony for your parents and guests. Please remember:

- **Do not bring any of the following: cell phones, iPads, gum, candy, food or anything**
  - **in your hands, which will be checked prior to walking across the stage.**
- Noise makers (whistles, air horns), signs, beach balls, silly string, balloons, etc.... are NOT allowed.
- Remain quiet during speeches.
- When walking across the stage to receive your diploma cover, you are NOT to wave to the crowd or make any gestures that will draw attention. This type of behavior denies the students behind you of their opportunity to be recognized.
- **No throwing of hats. No "selfies" on stage.**
- Gowns must be zipped up at all times!!! No pins or flowers on gowns.

Students who behave inappropriately during the ceremony will have their diploma pulled and will have to bring their parents to school on Tuesday, May 26th to receive their diploma after a conference with Ms. Savino. This includes any student who takes a "selfie" while walking across the stage.

Diploma Pick-up after the Ceremony:

Diplomas will be handed out right after the recessional in the building adjacent to the Expo Hall. Students will exit left through the two elephant doors which lead to the room where the diplomas are located. Diplomas will be in rows alphabetically. After receiving their diploma, students will exit through the glass doors on the east side of the building. This is where the families can meet their graduates outside.