



Fayette County Public Schools

2019 Graduation Guidelines

Rupp Arena

High School/Graduation Date	Graduation Practice	Graduation Arrival Time	Graduation Start Time
Dunbar – Monday, June 3	Friday, May 31: 8:30 – 11:30 AM	8:30 am	10:00 am
Tates Creek – Monday, June 3	Friday, May 31: 8:30 – 11:30 AM	12:00 noon	1:30 pm
Bryan Station – Monday, June 3	Friday, May 31: 8:00 – 11:00 AM	3:30 pm	5:00 pm
Frederick Douglass – Tuesday, June 4	Friday, May 31: 8:30 – 11:30 AM	8:30 am	10:00 am
Henry Clay – Tuesday, June 4	Friday, May 31: 3:30 – 5:30 PM	12:00 noon	1:30 pm
Lafayette – Tuesday, June 4	Friday, May 31: 8:30 – 11:30 AM	3:30 pm	5:00 pm

****All students must be present at Graduation Practice in order to walk in the home high school graduation.**

****Students arriving late to graduation at Rupp Arena will NOT be permitted in the respective school ceremonies. This is a final decision of the home high school coordinators, and STEAM staff CANNOT override their authority. Student entrance doors will be shut promptly 15 minutes before the ceremony start time. No late arrivals will be allowed to enter. A police officer will be located at the entrance to ensure door remains closed 15 minutes prior to graduation start times.**

Student Parking

- Students may park in the High Street Parking Lot or any local parking garage. Graduating seniors will be allowed free parking by showing their cap and gown. Guest parking will cost \$5.00 per car.
- Students are encouraged to leave everything in the car that is not needed. There is no secure place or storage for purses, cameras, jackets, umbrellas, etc.
- Students will enter Rupp Arena via the High Street entrance, take the escalator to the lower level to enter arena. Directional signs will be visible.
- Cell phones are permitted on the floor of Rupp Arena. Students must hold cell phones above their heads as they walk through metal detectors. Each home high school reserves the right to hold cell phones during the ceremony. This decision is made by home high school graduation coordinators and STEAM staff cannot override their authority.

Parent/Guest/Family Entrance to Rupp Arena

- Guests may park in the High Street Lot for \$5 or in any parking garage in downtown Lexington for a fee.
- All guests are required to enter the Arena by coming in the front doors from High Street. Accessible need patrons with restricted mobility must enter the Arena from the High Street entrance and use the elevator in the Hyatt lobby to access the arena.

Additional Information

- There is limited internet access inside Rupp Arena for Facetime, Skype, etc.
- No helium balloons are permitted in Rupp Arena.
- No banners, posters, signage, nor air horns are allowed.
- A hearing impaired interpreter will be located adjacent to the stage and shown in the lower corner of each video monitor. Contact Rachel Baker with questions: 859.381.4778.



STEAM Academy Graduation Details

Friday, May 17, 2019

- 8:00 am Seniors report to STEAM Academy
- 8:15 am Senior Student Chromebook Turn-In (payment for missing/broken items due before students may participate in the Graduation Recognition Program)
- 9:00 – 11:00 am Senior Breakfast (students only) & Senior Class Activity
- 11:15 am Final Cap and Gown Distribution (for those who have paid student fees)
- 11:30 am With parent permission, seniors dismissed from STEAM Academy
- No student will be dismissed prior to 11:30 am.
 - No absences will be counted after 11:30 am

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

- 8:00 am Seniors/Graduates report to 6th Street campus advisory classes.
- 9:00 am Load buses for UK (students may not drive due to limited parking)
- 9:45 – 10:30 am Senior Awards Ceremony at the University of Kentucky
- Gatton Student Center Grand Ballroom
160 Avenue of Champions
Lexington, KY 40508
 - All parents, family, and friends are invited to the awards ceremony
 - Parking is available for a charge in the South Limestone Parking Garage
 - Dress is business casual or better for this event
 - Parents will be emailed if your student will be receiving an award on this date
- 10:30 – 12 noon Graduation Practice at UK Gatton Student Center Grand Ballroom (students only)
- 12:15 pm Return to STEAM Academy
- 12:30 pm Seniors released from STEAM with parent permission and signed permission slip
- No absences will be counted on this date after 12:30 pm
- 5:30 – 6:45 pm STEAM Graduation Ceremony Dessert Reception
- UK Gatton Student Center Grand Ballroom
160 Avenue of Champions
Lexington, KY 40508
 - Parking is provided FREE in the lot behind Memorial Coliseum after 5 pm
- 6:30 pm Group picture of all graduates in caps & gowns on the Social Staircase inside the Gatton Student Center (these pictures will be emailed to parents and students after graduation.)

7:00 – 8:30 pm

Graduation Recognition Ceremony at UK Gatton Student Center Grand Ballroom

- All STEAM graduates are expected to be in their caps & gowns from their respective home high schools. All student must wear the STEAM cords.
- Graduates are expected to dress in business professional or better for this event. No jeans, leggings, tennis shoes, hoodies or t-shirts.

May 29 - 31, 2019

1. Seniors are not required to report to STEAM Academy on this date if a signed permission slip was returned before May 15. Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will be taking final exams, and seniors may not visit other students and teachers during this time.
2. Seniors are released from STEAM to participate in their respective home high school graduation practices. Details of times and dates for graduation practices are on the front page of this document. Students walking at Rupp Arena in their home high school graduations are REQUIRED to attend graduation practice if they are walking in the ceremony. If they do not attend graduation practice, they are not allowed to walk in the ceremony. No exceptions. This is rule of the home high schools and we cannot override their authority or decisions.
3. Students NOT choosing to participate in home high school graduations may pick up their diplomas at their respective home high schools any day AFTER the scheduled graduation date and prior to June 13. Diplomas will NOT be mailed to student's home addresses. You may pick up your diplomas in the counseling office of your home high school. Students or immediate family members listed in Infinite Campus may pick up diplomas. A valid photo ID will required to pick up the diploma.

Notes for Seniors

1. Final transcripts MUST be ordered through your home high school Parchment accounts. You may NOT send final transcripts through STEAM Academy Parchment Accounts. **STEAM cannot issue final transcripts so you must add your districted home high school to request transcripts.** Directions for creating a parchment account through your home high school are listed below:
 - Log into your Parchment account via www.parchment.com or use the link on our website.
 - Click on "Place New Order."
 - Click on "Add another school or organization you attended" link.
 - Type in the full name of your home high school (i.e. Lafayette High School) and choose the correct one from the list.
 - Place the order for the University or Institution who needs your final high school transcript for this fall.
 - **The deadline to request these without paying a fee is August 1st, 2019.

2. The college you plan to attend will require an official transcript FROM BCTC where you earned dual credit (this is NOT your STEAM or FCPS transcript.) This is NOT done through parchment accounts. You must use the transcript request link for BCTC listed below at a cost of \$7.25 per transcript.
 - <https://bluegrass.kctcs.edu/current-students/academic-resources/transcripts.aspx>
3. You cannot place an order for your final transcript until after your official graduation.
4. Diplomas cannot and will not be given at the STEAM Academy Graduation Recognition Program. There is no exception to this rule.
5. If your student is at risk of not graduating, parents/guardians and students will be notified no later than May 17. You will not be allowed to participate in either graduation ceremony if you don't have the earned credits to graduate by May 17.
6. All seniors must purchase cords to wear with their caps and gowns. These are available for purchase for \$10 before May 15, 2019 from Mrs. Strange.