

Graduation Practice - Wednesday, May 25 8:25 - 10:30ish

AT PLDHS GYMNASIUM

- ❑ In order to participate in practice you must have turned in a chromebook, all textbooks, and taken care of any and all fines. Please take care of this the weeks before practice. If not you WILL be pulled from the line.
- ❑ You must also fill out the Participation/Diploma Google form and transition survey form
- ❑ Wednesday May 25, by 8:25am, please report to the gym and follow instructions for practice
 - ❑ NO cap or gown needed at practice. Dress is casual, school appropriate
 - ❑ Practice is Mandatory. If you are unable to attend practice due to a conflict, please email Ms. Rains for approval.

Graduation Information

May 28, 2022 , 2pm at Rupp Arena Downtown

[Graduates Entrance](#) - [\(click for map\)](#)

- Enter Rupp Arena through the High Street doors, there will be a green flag by the designated door. Parking will be \$5, however graduates show caps and gowns get free parking.
- Elevator access is provided for anyone with accessible needs.
- Doors will be open one and a half (1.5) hours before each graduation ceremony. (2:00pm)
- **Doors close 15 minutes prior to the ceremony. Any student arriving after that time will not be allowed to walk. (1:45pm)**
- Students will walk through metal detectors and go to designated check-in tables upon entrance into Rupp Arena.
- Make sure you have gowns, cap with tassel
- Graduates will have their photos taken 3 times as they are in line for a diploma.

PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022
Graduation Ceremony Information
May 28, 2022 2pm

1. You should arrive at **Rupp Arena starting at 12:30pm**. Allow time for traffic. Park in the High lot, enter through doors with green flags.
2. **DRESS CODE:** Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.
 - a. Gentlemen, dress slacks (khakis are permissible), dress shirt and tie, and dress shoes.
 - b. Ladies, a **dress**, skirt or pant suit, dress shoes or sandals (no flip flops).
3. **All Parents/ Guests** are to enter the Arena by coming in the door off High Street. **Parking** is available in the High Street lots **for \$5**. The doors will open one hour before the program.
4. **ALL Parents/ Guests and Graduates** are expected to understand that this is a dignified and formal ceremony. We want our families to be able to hear each name as it is called. We ask that you do NOT interrupt the ceremony by cheering. Please hold your cheers and applause until all diplomas have been awarded. **Also any student who causes a scene while crossing the stage to receive the diploma or after receiving the diploma will be cut from the graduation video per Fayette County Board of Education.**
5. No helium balloons can be brought into Rupp Arena. Air Horns, tambourines, whistles, beach balls, and other items that will undermine the importance of the ceremony for all involved are not allowed. Law Enforcement and security will be enforcing the rules.
6. In order to be ready to present each senior with his/her actual diploma, we must know ahead of time who is present. Therefore, **we will “close the line” at 1:45pm**. This means that **anyone arriving after 1:45pm will not be allowed to march**. You may pick up your diploma at PLDHS. This avoids much confusion on stage. Be sure to allow time for traffic and parking!
7. **DO NOT** bring personal items to Rupp Arena with you. We cannot be responsible for anything left in Heritage Hall during the ceremony, we will be exiting in a different location than where you entered. Rupp and FCPS security will conduct a search of each person entering. Do NOT bring purses or backpacks into Rupp. Patrons are limited to one clear bag no larger than (12”x12”x6”) or small clutch purse, with or without handle or strap (no larger than 5”x 9”) for their personal items. Diaper Bags may exceed this size requirement, please see the guest service desk for a visual inspection. ALL bags and items will be searched. Please leave unnecessary items at home.
8. Bring your cap and gown to Rupp Arena with you to Rupp. Please remember to bring your tassels with you! Be careful walking in the tassel can fall off.
9. **Caps should be worn on the center/top of your head, not on the back.** If you will need pins or clips to hold it on, bring them with you. It is a good idea to try it on ahead of time. Do not put any “messages” on the top of your cap. Decorating caps and/ or gowns violates school policy. Tassels go on the right front of your cap until “it is official,” and then you move them to the left when told to do so. Remember, this is a dignified formal ceremony.
10. Only the stoles, tassels, cords and medallions that are **sanctioned by Fayette County Board of Education** are permissible.
11. When you receive your diploma, take it with your **left** hand and shake hands with the Principal with your **right** hand. Practice this! As you receive your diploma, the photographer will take your picture. Be sure to pause about **1 second** to allow the picture to be taken. You will also have your picture taken at the flag before receiving your diploma and also walking down the ramp.

We're proud of you and want this to be a special day for you and your family.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Sarah Lubbe and Debra Reaguer, Senior Sponsors

This information is also posted on the Paul Laurence Dunbar Website www.pld.fcps.net