

SURRY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

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Greetings Parents/Guardians and Graduating Seniors of the Class of 2022,

Congratulations on your child's progress toward the completion of the requirements for graduation from Surry County High School. You are to be commended for your guidance that has greatly assisted your child in reaching this milestone in their life. Please continue to encourage your child to set lofty goals in pursuit of the best that life has to offer. Please closely review the information in this letter with your senior. Contact the main office if you have any questions or concerns.

As we approach the end of the school year, we look forward to the celebration of your child's accomplishments in the graduation ceremony planned for **Saturday, June 11, 2022 at 10:00 AM** at Luther Porter Jackson Middle School. This will be a traditional ceremony, similar to graduation ceremonies held in pre-COVID era. Masks are optional for students and attendees.

If, at any time, there are changes to the regulations and guidelines set by the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE), Virginia Department of Health (VDH), or the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), strategies for the mitigation of COVID-19, including face masks and/or social distancing, may be instituted. Please be sure to check the school website and any instant alerts in the event that there are changes.

Student Procedures

The following information is designed to help facilitate the process of graduation and make the transition a smooth one. Please review the items listed below with your senior and assist with the completion of each item.

Attendance

- Students must successfully complete each course that is necessary for graduation. Student attendance records should be within the school's limits per course, that is no more than 4 unexcused absences per block.

Senior Exams

- Senior exams are June 6 (Blocks 1 and 3) and June 7 (Blocks 2 and 4), and students may leave (with parent permission) after the exams are complete for the day. Seniors who are exempt from an exam do not have to report to school for that exam period.
- Seniors are not considered absent for exemptions.
- Seniors who remain at school after their exam period must attend their regular block classes for the remainder of that day.

Senior Luncheon

- On June 7, the last day for seniors, the annual Senior Luncheon, an event that highlights the accomplishments of the students and honors their achievement at a banquet luncheon, will be held at the Surry County Recreation Center located at 205 Enos Farm Drive, Surry, VA 23883.
- Parents and guests who attend will need to pay \$25 per person. Please notify the main office of your intention so that reservations may be made.

- Seniors will be transported to and from the event. Seniors are not allowed to drive themselves to the Senior Luncheon.

Graduation Attire

- Each student should have secured a regulation cap and gown. Boys wear blue, and girls wear gold.
- If you have not ordered your cap and gown by now, please contact the representative from Herff Jones to place an order at <https://www.herffjones.com/product/graduation/graduation-products/> or by calling their office at 804-598-0971. Gowns should be placed on a hanger upon purchase to help reduce wrinkles.
- Students are to wear regulation attire. Girls are to wear a white dress or skirt and blouse, white dress shoes, and flesh tone hose. Optional jewelry should be small and discreet. Boys are to wear a white or light blue dress shirt, dark tie, black or dark blue belted dress slacks, black dress shoes and socks. Jeans are not permitted. Attire is expected to follow the school dress code.

Graduation Practice

- Students must attend graduation practice on Thursday, June 9 and Friday, June 10 from 1:30 - 3:30 PM. Graduation practice is required.
- Graduates should report to the SCHS auditorium.
- Graduates are responsible for their own transportation to practice.
- On June 10, girls need to bring the shoes they plan to wear to practice walking across the field and on the stage. Boys need to bring their caps to practice taking them off during the Pledge of Allegiance.

Elementary School Final Walk-through

- The final walkthrough of Surry Elementary School (SES) will be held on June 10 at 1:00 PM. Elementary students and staff will be lined up in the halls to celebrate the seniors.
- Seniors should bring their cap/gown to graduation practice on June 10 so that they can be dressed for the walkthrough at SES.

Graduation Day

- Graduates are expected to be present at LPJ by 8:00 AM on June 11 and are to report to the 7th and 8th grade wing. A continental breakfast will be provided.
- Once students have entered the dressing area, they are to remain there and will not be allowed to travel back and forth to other areas of the building. Graduates are to bring all that they need for the ceremony with them when they enter the dressing area.
- Line up will be at 9:30 AM and the ceremony will start promptly at 10:00 AM.
- After the recessional, graduates are led to the media center to orderly receive their diplomas and any gifts that may have been left for them.

Tickets/Seating

- Graduates will receive tickets for reserved seating for their families/guests. Tickets will be distributed at graduation practice on June 10.
- Each graduate will receive 6 tickets. Each graduate will receive the same number of reserved tickets.
- Each ticket will reserve one seat only. Patrons may only sit in this area with a physical ticket. Seats are on a first come, first served basis.
- All other guests may be seated in the general seating areas.

Obligations

- Seniors should fulfill all of their obligations (textbooks, library books, Chromebooks/laptops, chargers, uniforms, dues, equipment, fines, parking permits, etc.) before June 11.

- Graduates who still need to take care of obligations will be able to do so in the media center on graduation day. Diplomas not retrieved on the day of graduation will be housed with guidance and can be picked up at SCHS.

Graduation is always an exciting time and a special occasion for all. If these requests are adhered to, it will be a smooth and lasting pleasant experience for the Class of 2022. Once again, congratulations are extended to you and your child for reaching this important event in life. We acknowledge all of the hard work, sacrifice, and flexibility it has taken to get to this point. We look forward to celebrating with you and your families. If you have any questions or concerns about graduation, please contact the main office at (757) 267 2211.

Best regards,

Courtney J. Ward
Principal

Important Dates for Seniors Class of 2022



Day	Date	Event
Monday	May 2	Postsecondary Decision Day
Friday	May 27	Senior Cookout - 12:30 PM
Friday	June 3	Senior Spotlight Due
Friday	June 3	Senior Trip
Monday	June 6	Senior Exams - Blocks 1 and 3
Tuesday	June 7	Senior Exams - Blocks 2 and 4
Tuesday	June 7	Senior Luncheon (after exams)
Thursday	June 9	Senior Spotlight Goes Live on Facebook
Thursday	June 9	Graduation Practice - 1:30 PM
Thursday	June 9	SES Final Walkthrough - 1:00 PM
Friday	June 10	Graduation Practice - 1:30 PM
Saturday	June 11	Graduation - 10:00 AM (Seniors report at 8:30 AM)