



Newberry High School Graduation
Gainesville Raceway - Monday, June 8, 2020 @ 9:00 am

The Flow of the Event:

Traffic enters Speedway property off County Road 225.

- GPS address: 11211 N County Road 225, Gainesville, FL 32609
- Gate opens at 8:00 am
- **Gate Closes (last arrivals let on premise) at 9:00 am**
 - Due to traffic flow, cars can not arrive late.

First Stop: Gate C for security check-in

- Things to have in the car when you arrive at Gainesville Raceway
 - Name Card to allow you through Gate C (Name Cards will be available at the front office for pickup beginning Monday, June 1st through Friday, June 5th)
 - Senior's NAME CARD to be handed to the reader on the stage (back of card MUST have address information for the photographer to send photo proofs). Please have it filled out completely and neatly.
 - Driver's license for the driver.
 - Drinks and snacks (if needed)
 - A full tank of gas
- Things not allowed in the car with you
 - As this is a school sponsored event, alcohol and tobacco products are prohibited.

Feel free to record a "Facebook" live feed of your graduate crossing the stage and finish line.

Personnel will then guide the processional for the reading of the names.

- This will not happen Alpha Order.
- Driver will stop the vehicle, the graduate will get out and proceed to the stage, hand the name card to the reader, and then proceed across the stage to receive diploma cover.
- Only the graduate will be allowed out of the vehicle.
- A professional picture will be taken with the Principal.
- The student will exit the stage and return to their car.
- The driver will proceed down the route. All cars must then leave the premises because other events follow.

The Frequently Asked Questions:

Please understand that the school is required to follow all CDC and State Guidelines as well as the items outlined in the contract with the Raceway. As an entity of the Florida Department of Education, we are under stricter guidelines than groceries stores and restaurants.

Only one car per graduate is permitted to take part. We understand dynamics are different for every family but we are unable to accommodate more than one vehicle per graduate family.

Graduates Riding Together: In respect of social distancing rules and providing a safe event, only graduates who reside in the same home should ride together. If access to a vehicle is a barrier, please contact Mrs. Walker in the front office of Newberry High School at (352) 472-1101 as soon as possible.

Decorating Cars: Yes, you may utilize car magnets and signs. However, you cannot decorate cars on the raceway property, including in the prestaging area as you must remain in your cars at all times. Additionally, decorations must remain secured to the vehicle as you drive.

Gainesville Raceway is not able to open the stands to spectators.

Only passenger vehicles are allowed. No one will be allowed to ride on the hood or roof of a vehicle. No motorcycles, tractor-trailers, buses (including "Party" buses), limos, or RVs are allowed. Pick-up trucks are allowed, but no passengers will be allowed in the bed of the truck. Convertible vehicles must have the top closed.

Limited bathroom facilities will be made available. You are asked to refrain from congregating around the restrooms and maintain proper social distancing guidelines. This will be enforced.

Timing: The gates will open one hour prior to the ceremony. Each car will have to pass through a security checkpoint and then be moved to the ceremony staging area. The "ceremony" itself will begin at 9:00 am. After your graduate's name is read, he/she will promptly get back in the vehicle and you will follow the exit signs.

Please make sure you arrive with a FULL gas tank.

The rules of the track include:

1. Vehicles to maintain safe speeds and appropriate distancing, as directed by School District, and law enforcement staff.
2. Participants who do not abide by rules and regulations will be removed from the property.
3. Participants/Vehicles observed dropping back or lagging behind and exceeding the paced speed will be removed from the property.
4. Participants or Vehicles determined by staff as unsafe or unfit will not be allowed to participate.
5. All passengers must ride in the cab of pickup trucks; no riders in pickup beds.
6. Drivers and passengers must remain in the vehicle at all times once they enter the facility, during the ceremony and while driving on the apron. Only the Graduate will be allowed to exit the car to walk across the stage.

Anyone who does not feel safe or chooses not to participate in the 2020 Graduation event, will have the opportunity to pick up their diploma from the school beginning Tuesday, June 9, 2020 from the front office of Newberry High School between the hours of 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Monday - Thursday.

