

**CLASS OF 2019**  
**GRADUATION INSTRUCTIONS**

**CAPS AND GOWNS**

Students can pick up their caps and gowns at Newberry High School on:

**Thursday, May 16th – After Senior video in the auditorium**

Students must be cleared from the debt list and academically eligible to participate in graduation exercises in order to pick up their caps and gowns.

**REHEARSAL**

Graduation rehearsal is scheduled on Thursday, May 30, 2019 from 9:45 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the University of Florida Stephen C. O’Connell Center. Students ***must be on time and present*** for rehearsal to be able to participate in the graduation ceremony and should enter at **GATE 4**. A school bus will be available for students who need transportation to graduation rehearsal. The bus will depart from Newberry High School at 9:00 a.m. and return by 1:00 p.m. Caps and gowns will be available for distribution at the O’Connell Center for students who have been ***cleared from the debt list*** and who have not previously picked up their cap and gown. Please drive east down West University Avenue, turn right on Gale Lemerand Drive and the parking lot reserved for the graduates will be on the left hand side. Please see the parking area highlighted on the map provided. **DO NOT PARK** at the O’Connell Center parking lot or parking garage. You will receive a ticket if you park there.

**CEREMONY**

Graduation is scheduled for Thursday, May 30, 2019, and it will begin at 7:00 p.m. Graduating seniors are expected to arrive by 6:00 p.m. and must enter at **GATE 4** where they will be directed to **Orange Room 1450** to line up. Parents, friends, and other family members are to enter at **Gate 1**. Diplomas will be available for ***graduates only***, to pick up after the ceremony, downstairs, at Gate 2. Diplomas ***will not*** be issued to students on the debt list or to those who will be attending summer school. **Graduating males must wear dark colored slacks, a white collared shirt with a tie, and dress shoes. Graduating females are to wear knee length skirts or dresses with dress shoes – no flip flops, stiletto heels, or tennis shoes.** Graduates will be walking up and down stairs and ***safe, sensible*** shoes are warranted. All graduates are expected to wear a cap with a tassel and a gown. Cell phones, any other electronic devices, signs or messages, and chewing gum are prohibited. This is a very special and significant event that we wish all attendees and participants to cherish forever in their memories. Balloons, large bouquets of flowers, signs, and noise makers are prohibited from the O’Connell Center. The O’Connell Center staff will not allow these items to be brought inside and they will be confiscated. Unruly guests and participants will be escorted out by officials. We are looking forward to a first-class graduation that represents our outstanding **CLASS of 2019!!!**