



# Newberry High School

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NHS Senior Parents,

Our entire school community is excited about the upcoming graduation ceremony for our class of 2024. This letter contains important dates and times for graduation rehearsal and ceremony, the required dress code for graduating seniors and standards of conduct during graduation.

- **Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal** – There will be a walk-through rehearsal at the Stephen C. O’Connell Center at the University of Florida on Thursday, May 30, 2024 at 10:00a.m. Do not be late. There will be a bus provided for any students that need transportation.
- **Graduation Ceremony** – Thursday, May 30, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Stephen C. O’Connell Center at the University of Florida. Families and graduates may park in the O’Connell Center parking area; doors for guests will open at 6:00 p.m. At this time there are no restrictions on guest invites. Family and guests please enter through the main entrance (**Gate 1**). Graduates please enter through **Gate 4**.

Male students are expected to wear the following clothes under their gown:

1. Dress shoes and socks (no tennis shoes or flip flops)
2. Dark dress slacks (no denim jeans, shorts or cut-offs)
3. White dress shirt with a collar and tie

Female students are expected to wear the following clothes under their gown:

1. Dress shoes (no stiletto heels, tennis shoes or flip flops)
2. Knee length skirts, dresses or dress pants and blouse (no denim jeans, shorts or cut offs)
3. No purses or hand-held flowers

Graduates are **not** permitted to decorate or include writing on their graduation caps. Graduates will wear a Graduate Medallion provided, and **ONLY** stoles that are provided by NHS. No other decorative stoles or sashes of any kind shall be worn during the ceremony. Student cell phones must be silenced once they have officially lined up for the ceremony.

High school graduation is an exciting time in the life of a young adult and his/her family. We are requesting that all members of the audience help keep the tone of the graduation ceremony orderly and dignified. Balloons, large bouquets of flowers, signs, and noise makers including air horns and whistles are prohibited from the O’Connell Center. It is extremely important that all parents and friends can hear the name of their special graduate. We appreciate your help in ensuring the program is respectful and enjoyed by all.

Sincerely,

James H. Sheppard  
Principal



**NEWBERRY HIGH SCHOOL**  
**GRADUATION INSTRUCTIONS**



Graduation Rehearsal will be on Thursday, May 30th at 10:00 a.m. at the University of Florida, Stephen C. O'Connell Center. Please be on time as we need everyone at rehearsal who is going to walk. A bus will be at the school at 9:00 a.m. for any students who need transportation. **IF YOU ARE NOT AT REHEARSAL, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE.** Please contact the Front Office with any questions or concerns.

Caps and gowns will be distributed on Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at Newberry High School after the Senior video in the auditorium.

Seniors should arrive to graduation no later than 6:00 p.m. Graduates will enter the facility through **Gate 4** and will head downstairs to **Orange Room 1450**. Graduation will begin at 7:00 p.m.

**Important:** Seniors who remain on the debt list need to clear their debt or they will not receive their diploma.