

Freedom High School

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Seniors:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with information regarding graduation, to help your family plan during the last weeks of school.

The Class of 2025 Commencement will be held on Saturday, May 31, 2025, at 2:00 PM at Eagle Bank Arena (George Mason University, Fairfax, VA).

To participate in the graduation ceremony, seniors must have completed all graduation requirements. If you have any questions about credit requirements, please contact the appropriate school counselor at 703-583-1405.

<u>Counselor</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Redrick Jones	A – Barn
Makayla Crewes	Barq- Corp
Paden Jones	Cort - Giles
Tasha Dykes	Gill - Joy
Carolina Arriaza-Chaves	Jua - Moff
Elena Bemby	Moh - Prop
Amy Dunlap	Qaz – Sank
Alissa Chambers	Sant - Vilc
Denise Riley	Vil - Z

Participation in the graduation ceremony is optional for all graduates. A survey was sent out to all seniors on **March 14, 2025**, to complete regarding their participation in the ceremony. The survey should be completed and returned no later than April 11, 2025. This information is used for planning purposes. Any senior electing not to attend may pick up their diploma at the school after June 2, 2025.

Seniors who do not plan to participate in the graduation ceremony must provide an electronic mail verification from his/her parent or guardian to Ms. Brown, BrownLS1@pwcs.edu, no later than May 9, 2025. Graduation practice will be held on Thursday, May 29, at 8:00 a.m. and Friday, May 30, at 9:00 a.m. Students will report to the auditorium on May 29th before entering the main gym, and on May 30th students will report directly to the main gym. **Any student who does not attend both required graduation practices will NOT be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.** In addition, **any** student who chooses not to participate may not reconsider at the last minute. Questions should be directed to Ms. Brown.

Jostens is the Graduation vendor for the Class of 2024. **Seniors planning to participate in the graduation ceremony will need to have a cap and gown to participate.** <https://www.jostens.com>

Graduating seniors should plan to arrive at Eagle Bank Arena between 1:00- 1:15 PM. Additional arrival details will be relayed in future communications. Spectators should plan to arrive at Eagle Bank Arena no later than 1:30 PM.

We are in the **third marking period**; seniors are reminded that **attendance is still very important**. Failure to attend school daily, and on time, and to complete all assigned work, may negatively affect grades and could result in students not meeting course requirements necessary for graduation. In addition, it is essential that seniors adhere to all county and school rules/regulations, in the Code of Behavior, for the remainder of the year. Failure to do so may be cause for suspension and jeopardize an individual's privilege to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Seniors are required to ensure that all financial obligations (lost library or textbooks, laptops, unreturned uniforms/equipment, cafeteria fees, transcripts, musical instruments, etc.) are reconciled by **12 noon on Thursday, May 29, 2025. Failure to do so will exclude them from participating in the commencement ceremony.**

We respectfully request that parents of graduates and their family and friends maintain proper decorum throughout the graduation ceremony. Please refer to the pink security policy enclosed.

During the graduation ceremony, celebrations in the stands such as: yelling, air horns, and banners for individual students hinder the ability of other family members to hear the names of their graduates. Our Seniors have devoted tremendous time and hard work preparing for this dignified ceremony. We seek your cooperation in making the graduation ceremony one that all families enjoy, and students are recognized appropriately.

Due to CDC guidelines, personal pictures must be taken from your seat. However, Life Touch will be on hand to capture the moment your graduate receives their diploma. Following the graduation ceremony, you will have to immediately exit the venue.

Finally, best wishes for the successful completion of your Senior year. We look forward to a memorable graduation ceremony. Additional graduation information, announcements, updates, forms, and frequently asked questions will be posted to the Senior Canvas Page and Freedom High School homepage at <https://freedomhs.pwcs.edu/>.

Please do not hesitate to contact Ms. L. Brown if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Ms. LaKisha Brown

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Assistant Principal
Graduation Coordinator