

Dear Fayette County High School Seniors, Parents, and Guardians:

Based on information that we received from an 11:45 a.m. briefing of the National Weather Service, due to the likely possibility of heavy rain with embedded thunderstorms, we have made the decision to move Fayette County High School graduation for the Class of 2016 inside. Graduation will take place in the FCHS gymnasium beginning at 7:00 p.m. Therefore, at this time, we will put our rain contingency plan into place.

Graduates were provided at yesterday's graduation practice 5 tickets to distribute to family and friends which will grant the ticket holder access to the gymnasium for the graduation ceremony. Due to Fire Marshal regulations, all guests, regardless of age, entering the gym will need a ticket. Once you have entered the gymnasium, you will not be readmitted without a ticket. All non-ticketed guests may come to our school to see the ceremony in our classrooms via live-video stream. Guests who cannot come to school to see the live-video stream are welcome to access it from our school's website [www.fchstigers.org](http://www.fchstigers.org).

There are separate instructions for ticketed and non-ticketed guests, so please carefully read the instructions below:

**For ticketed guests:**

- General parking for **ticketed** guests will be in the junior and senior lots on the south side of the school (closest to Highway 54). Overflow parking is available at Tiger Stadium and at the LaFayette Educational Center.
- General **ticketed** guests will enter the gym through the doors on the south end of the gym adjacent to the large picture window on the south side of the gym. This is **not** the entrance that we use for basketball games. All guests must have a ticket to enter these doors.
- Parking for **handicapped, ticketed** guests will be on the bus loop area on the north side of the school (closest to Hood Avenue). Guests must have a government issued handicapped license or hangtag or a school issued handicapped form to park in this lot.
- **Ticketed, handicapped** guests will enter the school from the bus loop entrance to the commons area and will enter the gym on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor at the top of the stands. The north side railing will be reserved for wheelchairs. All handicapped guests (and their family) entering these doors must have a ticket.
- All doors to the gym will open at 6:00 p.m.
- **Ticketed latecomers will not be admitted to the gym after 7:00 p.m.** Please plan to arrive early to secure your seat in the gym. If ticketed guests arrive after 7:00 p.m., they will need to follow the directions for non-ticketed guests.
- Due to the close proximity of all guests in the gym, balloons, air horns, and signs will not be allowed in the indoor graduation. These items take up space, would be unbearable inside, and could affect another guest's sightline. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **For non-ticketed guests:**

- General parking for **non-ticketed** guests will also be the junior and senior lots on the south side of the school (closest to Highway 54). Overflow parking is available at Tiger Stadium and at the LaFayette Educational Center.
- General **non-ticketed** guests will enter the school through any of the 3 hallways at the base of the stairs on the south side of the school. These are the large towers on the end of each hallway that are enclosed in two-stories of glass.
- Staff members will be on hand to direct you to one of the many classes that will be open for guests to see the video stream. Classrooms on the first and second floor will be available for the video stream.
- Parking for **handicapped, non-ticketed** guests will be in the faculty lot at the front (west side) of the school (closest to Highway 85). Guests must have a government issued handicapped license or hangtag or a school issued handicapped form to park in this lot.
- **Handicapped, non-ticketed** guests will enter the school through the front doors of the school and can view the live feed in the media center, band room, or chorus room, all in close proximity to the front door. Staff members will be on hand to direct guests to those viewing locations.
- Staff members will be in each of the open classrooms/locations to run the live-video feed.
- All doors to the school will open at 6:00 p.m.

### **For Graduating Seniors:**

- Seniors should either be dropped off by parents on the north side of the school or they should park in the Center of Innovation (old FIS) or Fayetteville Elementary School lots. Overflow parking will be in the junior or senior lots, at Tiger Stadium, or at the LaFayette Educational Center. Seniors may not park in the bus loop as this area will be reserved for handicapped, ticketed guests.
- Seniors should enter the building through the bus loop doors to the cafeteria.
- Senior line up will take place in the cafeteria. Seniors should arrive in the cafeteria prior to 6:15 p.m.

We are disappointed that we cannot hold graduation in Tiger Stadium as planned, but the safety of our graduates and our guests must be our first priority this evening. Regardless of where we hold graduation, we are very proud of our seniors and we look forward to celebrating their accomplishments at Fayette County High School this evening. Congratulations to the Class of 2016!

Dan Lane, Principal