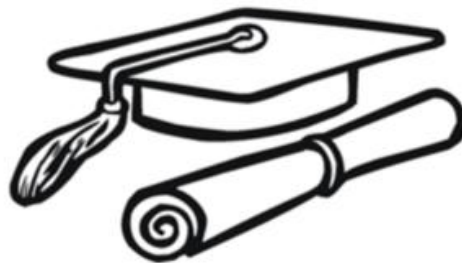


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Treasure Coast High School



Senior Handbook



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Welcome Class of 2026

The Treasure Coast High School family extends a warm welcome to each of you as you continue with the final year of your high school career. We want you to experience a memorable year and we are very excited to assist in making this a successful year as many exciting activities are being planned for you. This handbook is provided to keep you up to date with events, deadlines, and pending fees.

Seniors are the best part of our Treasure Coast family! It is important that we all build strong relationships and memories by participating in planned activities. As school leaders, we expect you to set an example, stay motivated and most of all have a memorable final year, filled with fun school spirited activities.

Please know that as your class sponsors, we are here to help you. Feel free to stop by (at an appropriate time), email, or leave a note for either of us if you are in need of assistance. We are here for you!

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Senior Communication

All communication this year will take place on the TCHS Class of 2026 page in Microsoft Teams. Please make sure you have the Microsoft Teams application (App) downloaded on your phone to receive immediate updates.



TCHS CLASS OF 2026

Graduation Requirements

- 24 Core Credits for Standard Diploma
 - 4 English Credits
 - 4 Math Credits – must include Algebra 1 and Geometry
 - 3 History Credits – World History, American History, American Government/ Economics with Financial Literacy
 - 3 Science Credits – must include Biology
 - HOPE class
 - 1 Performing Arts Credit
 - 8 Elective Credits
- Must pass FAST Reading Exam or have a passing concordant score for ELA (ACT, SAT, CLT)
- Must pass Algebra 1/Geometry EOC Exam or have a PSAT/SAT/ACT/CLT Math passing Concordant Score

Scholarship Information:

www.floridashines.org

www.irscfoundation.org

www.fafsa.ed.gov

www.educationfoundationstlucie.org

Bright Futures Scholarship: www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org

Senior Fees for the Class of 2026

Senior fees cover the following: diploma, embossed diploma cover, graduation tickets, graduation program, senior pin, senior pinning ceremony, senior pinning program, senior awards, senior t-shirt, senior field day, and senior award program.

Senior fees for the 2025-2026 school year are \$50.00 per student.

The payment for senior fees will be collected by Treasure Coast High School Senior Class Sponsors.

Payment Options

1. School Pay via credit card <https://www.schoolpay.com/>. Student's 56 number is needed to access this payment option.

REFUND POLICY

If you have paid your graduation fees and do not graduate in 2026, but you return to Treasure Coast High School in the fall of 2026-2027 school year as a 2nd year Senior, the Senior fee for the Class of 2026 will be waived.

If you do not graduate in May of 2026 and do not return to Treasure Coast High School, NO refund will be issued.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ATTENDING SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Seniors must:

1. HAVE A GOOD ATTENDANCE RECORD.

- A. Excessive absences may result in you NOT being allowed to participate in Senior Activities. **No more than four (4) unexcused absences per quarter.** Absent notes **MUST** be turned in a timely manner for excused absences.
- B. Special circumstances will be addressed and considered on an individual basis.
- C. Remember that all notes for absences need to be turned into the attendance office **within 3 days of the absence.** The note should include first and last name, and student identification number. (56...)

2. Be a Senior of Record (17 or more COMPLETED credits, 2.0 unweighted GPA)

- A. School records must verify you are classified as a senior, (at the beginning of the year for first semester activities, at the beginning of second semester for second semester activities) and will graduate in May of 2025.

3. HAVE A GOOD DISCIPLINE RECORD

- A. Subject to approval by administration, the deans, and the senior sponsors. **No level 3 offenses or higher.**

4. TURN IN CORRECTLY COMPLETED and SIGNED PERMISSION FORMS BY THE SPECIFIED DATE

- A. **THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE SIGNATURE** for parent/guardian permission for participation in a Senior Trip/Activity is the signature of the Parent or Guardian unless a senior has filed Emancipation Papers with the Attendance Office.

5. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. **ALL FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS MUST BE PAID IN FULL TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL SENIOR ACTIVITIES.**

At Treasure Coast High School, it is expected that ALL students will be on their best behavior at all senior activities. **Seniors who do not follow the rules at any of the senior activities will NOT be permitted to attend other senior functions.** You may also be subject to a discipline referral, along with disciplinary action.

SENIOR PINNING CEREMONY

The Senior Pinning Ceremony will be held in the gymnasium. The entrance is located behind TCHS.
The date and time for the Senior Pinning Ceremony is February 5, 2026 at 6 P.M. in the school gymnasium

Senior Pinning Requirements: Students enrolled at TCHS prior to ceremony date and have a minimum GPA of 2.0 and have earned 21/24 credits (Standard Diploma) or have earned 15/18 credits (ACCEL Diploma).

Dress code: Seniors should dress professionally in shirt, tie, dress pants, dress socks, dress shoes OR appropriate length dresses, dress pants and a blouse, skirt and a blouse, dress shoes with backs (skirts and dresses should be no more than one inch above the knee). **No sneakers, jeans, headphones/earbuds for anyone.**

Cap/Gown for Graduation

The cost of Cap/Gown are NOT included with Treasure Coast High's Senior Fees. These items are all purchased through Herff Jones.

The deadline for Cap and Gown online orders will be May 2nd. Beginning May 3rd, Cap and Gowns can only be purchased during the first Graduation Practice, cost \$76.95 cash.

Measurement for Graduation Cap and Gown

The ordering of your cap and gown for graduation will be taken by Herff Jones.

Prices for the class of 2026 - Caps and Gown will be \$52.00 payable to Herff Jones through their online website until January 31st. An additional \$14.95 will be added to the total cost of the cap and gown package beginning on February 1st. Students who are borrowing a cap and gown, but need a 2026 tassel and TCHS hood, the cost is \$33.00.

Order online at <https://hjproud.com/>

Create a student account and continue your ordering.

Graduation Announcements and Fine Paper Products

The cost of announcements varies depending upon the item(s) you choose to purchase and the quantity. A deposit for your announcement order will need to be paid when you place your order. The amount of the required deposit will be given to you in the meeting with Herff Jones. If you pay by check, **MAKE THE CHECK PAYABLE TO HERFF JONES.**

GRADUATION-May ??, 2026

To graduate in 2025, you are **REQUIRED** to attend the two (2) rehearsals that will guide you through the Graduation Ceremony activities. These practices will be held at TCHS in the Gymnasium, *along with gown*

pickup, and the second practice will be held at TCHS Gymnasium for a full graduation rehearsal along with obligation clearance and graduation ticket pick up.

PRACTICE DATES:

Practice 1 – Monday, May , 2026

9:00 AM - 12 PM Gymnasium

Practice 2 – Tuesday, May , 2026

9:00 AM - 12 PM Gymnasium

IF YOU PLAN TO WALK FOR GRADUATION YOU MUST ATTEND BOTH PRACTICES!!!!

ASK FOR TIME OFF FROM WORK NOW!!!!!! NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

Graduation –May ??, 2026 at the St. Lucie County Fairgrounds

Graduates must arrive fully dressed in cap/gown by TBA.

Required dress code for graduation

Dresses or skirts/blouses:

Dresses, skirts, and blouses should be a darker solid color as bright or light colors show through the gown. If stockings are worn, they should be flesh colored. Do not let your dress show below the hem of your gown.

Dress pants:

Dress pants must be black with a darker solid color dress shirt. You must wear black shoes with dark colored socks.

Shoes:

Dress shoes must be all black. Thong type shoes (any type of flip flop) and tennis shoes/sneakers are not allowed. This is a safety issue for your protection as you are going up and down the stairs of a stage and to protect the formality of the event.

Students are expected to arrive in their cap and gown to gain entry to the Fairgrounds.

PICKING UP YOUR CAP, GOWN, & TICKETS FOR GRADUATION

Your CAP and GOWN may be picked up during our first mandatory practice.

Before your graduation tickets and caps and gowns can be issued to you, all obligations...Dual Enrollment books, library fines, parking fines, athletics, uniforms, activity money, computers, camera equipment, testing fees, and any other outstanding obligation with St. Lucie County Schools must be cleared. Senior Fees must also be paid.

Please note the following;

If you have morning senior privileges, you are still required to make arrangements to be at the senior meetings.

Senior updates will be sent via Teams.

It is the responsibility of all seniors to check with the sponsors and to look on the school website and the Class of 2026 Teams Page for updates.

***All dates, times, prices, and events are subject to change.**

APPENDIX A

Senior Cords

Senior Cord and Awards Night is TBD at 6 PM. Only seniors who have earned a scholarship, and/or an Academic Honors Society or Organization Cord, Academy Honors Cord, or Certification Cord will be invited to attend this ceremony.

GPA based Honor Cord Requirements

Based on classes from 9th grade to the end of 1st Semester in 12th grade, students who qualify for an Academic Honor Cord will receive an invitation to purchase cords. Honors, High Honors, and AICE stole recipients will not be recognized at Senior Cord Night. These students are recognized during the Graduation Ceremony on TBA.

Graduating with High Honors – Gold

Students must have a 3.8 or higher Weighted Overall GPA

Cost of Cord- \$8.00 and purchased through senior sponsors- Ms. Luis & Ms. Berrios

Graduating with Honors – Silver

Students must have a 3.0 – 3.799 Weighted Overall GPA

Cost of Cord- \$8.00 and purchased through senior sponsors- Ms. Luis & Ms. Berrios

Graduating with AA Degree- Gold, Black, Royal Blue

Qualifying students must be an AA degree candidate or have 30 or more credits towards their AA.

Cost of Cord- \$10 and purchased through Director of School Counseling- Ms. Sommer

The following organizations and seniors receiving any cords for meeting the expectations outlined, will be invited to participate in Senior Cord Night:

Nationally Recognized Honor Societies and Organizations

Students must meet the specific requirements for the Honor Society and be recommended by the Honor Society Teacher Sponsor

National Honor Society – Blue & Yellow- Mr. Curatolo

- **Academic requirements**
 - 4.0 & above Weighted GPA
- **Membership requirements**
 - The student must complete required service hours and group volunteer efforts.
 - The student must display outstanding character, service to the community, and have meaningful leadership experience.

- Must attend Honor Society meetings.
- Cost of Cord- \$8.00

Spanish Honor Society – Maroon & Gold- Mrs. Colon, Ms. Monge, and Mr. Lazar

- **Academic requirements**
 - 3.0 & above Weighted GPA
- **Membership requirements**
 - The student must complete the 20 required volunteer hours.
 - The students must have at least 50% attendance record for meetings.
 - Active member for at least 2 years and one of those years MUST be senior year
 - No level 2 or higher infractions for the duration of time at TCHS
- Cost of Cord- Included with registration

National Technical Honor Society – Purple & Silver - Ms. Choppa

- **Academic requirements**
 - 3.0 & above Weighted GPA
 - All A's and B's in career/technical courses attempted while in high school. (Possible waiver for one course that is less than a B)
 - Industry Certification completion
- **Membership requirements**
 - Working towards 100 volunteer hours
 - Member of a Career and Technical Student Organization (FBLA, DECA)
 - Active involvement in Leadership in Academy, student government, CTSO, civic or service organization(s)
- Cost of Cord - \$8.00

International Thespian Society - Blue & Gold - Ms. Goodman

- **Academic Requirements**
 - Students need 10 thespian points (the equivalent of 100 hours of Thespian Related Work)
 - Maintain good standing with the theatre program to be considered for induction.
- Cost of Cord - \$8.00

National Honor Society of Dance Arts – Light Blue & White - Mrs. Sullivan

- **Academic Requirements**
 - 3.5 cumulative GPA
- **Membership Requirements**
 - 30 points (to be earned through dance involvements: courses, shows, choreography, etc.)
 - Students will follow an outline provided by Mrs. Sullivan.
 - Current juniors and seniors can/will tally their points retroactively
 - Demonstration of character (collaboration, teamwork, motivation, and leadership in/during all dance settings)

- Cost of cord - TBD

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) – Black & Gold – Ms. Choppa

- **Academic Requirements**
 - 3.5 cumulative GPA
 - Pass at least one of the following certification tests: Digital Information Technology, International ESB, and QuickBooks
 - Must complete the Business Academy
 - Must have completed multiple research projects starting with a progression plan for after graduation (college, career, military, trade schools)
 - Must complete a passport of their future involving a 5, 10, 20-year plan to include career, community service, hobbies and projected family
 - Must do a presentation in business dress explaining all of the above
- **Membership Requirements**
 - Must have at least 20 hours community service with FBLA
 - Must pay state, national, and local dues

Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) – Navy & Maroon – Mrs. Musgraves

- **Academic Requirements**
 - 3.0 cumulative GPA
- **Membership Requirements**

Young Floridian – Green & Yellow – Mrs. DeMaio

- **Must be a Young Floridian Nominee from TCHS**
- Cords are provided at the Young Floridian Awards Ceremony

Youth Advisory Council – Orange/Silver/Blue – Mrs. DeMaio

- **Must be a member of the District Youth Advisory Council**
- **Must attend District Meetings and report back to the School Advisory Council**
- Cords are provided by the School District and will be given to students at a separate ceremony.

National Beta Club – TBD – Ms. Garcia and Mr. Lazar

- A weighted GPA of 3.0
- Fifteen (15) Volunteer Hours in each of the years they have been an Active Beta Club Member
- Have mentored at least one other Beta Club Member in Planning, Organizing, and Executing a Beta Club Event.
- An active member for at least two years, one (1) of the Active Years being Senior Year (exception for students initially enrolled at Treasure Coast High School in their Senior Year, allowing satisfaction of the same requirements for their enrolled Senior Year only.)
- At least 50% Meeting Attendance of each Active Year
- Must have attended at least two (2) Community Beta Events each Active Year
- no level 2, or higher infractions for the duration at Treasure Coast High School

Odessey of the Mind – TBD – Ms. Garcia and Mr. Lazar

- Must be an active member of the TCHS Odessey of the Mind team.
- Must have been on the team for at least **two years** during their time at TCHS. This does not apply to newly registered senior students.

- Must have a current weighted GPA of **3.0 or higher** during their senior year.
- The student must not have any Level 2 or higher behavioral infractions.

Academy Honor Cords:

- Students must have at least a 3.0 weighted overall GPA
- Have completed at least 3 sequential courses in that academy content area
 - (Ex. Level 1, 2, & 3 or Level 1, 2, & AICE, or Level 2, 3, 4)
- Have an average GPA of 3.0 weighted in those three academy content courses
- **AND** meet any additional requirements listed below:

<u>Academy</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Additional Requirements</u>	<u>Cord Color</u>	<u>Cord Cost</u>
AA Degree (Dual Enrollment)	Ms. Sommer	Qualifying students must be an AA degree candidate or have 30 or more credits towards their AA.	Black, Gold, Royal Blue	\$10
AICE	Mrs. Banton/Ms. Harris (AICE Coordinator)	Students must have earned their diploma or be a diploma candidate.	Black and Gold Stoles	Provided by AICE Program
Band	Mr. Ingram		Black	\$8.00
Dance	Mrs. Sullivan		Fuchsia Pink	\$8.00
Drama	Mrs. Goodman		Ivory	\$8.00
Drawing	Ms. Minden		Yellow	\$8.00
Photography	Ms. Stark	Creative Photography 1, Yearbook	Teal	\$8.00
JROTC	Col. Golden		Blue & Silver	Provided by ROTC

Certification Cords:

- Students must pass certification required for the course
- Students must be an Academy Completer – 3 consecutive courses of study in the academy;
Any additional requirements of the specific academy

<u>Academy</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Cord Color</u>	<u>Cord Cost</u>
Medical	Mr. Bartkowiak and Mrs. Loupe	Pink	\$8.00
Biotechnology	Mr. Williams	Silver & Green	\$8.00
Culinary Arts	Chef Fink and Chef	Maroon	\$8.00
Criminal Justice	Ms. Cline	Purple	\$8.00
Digital Arts	Ms. Babkie/Ms. Minden	Navy Blue	\$8.00
International Business	Ms. Choppa	Brown	\$8.00
Global Logistics	Ms. Lott	Light Blue	\$8.00
Pre-Engineering/Manufacturing	Mr. DePuy	Orange	\$8.00
Digital Technology/Emerging Technology*	Mr. Morano, Ms. Lott, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. McGowan Wright	Sage Green	\$8.00

***Students must only pass the certification exam to earn a cord**

Seniors will be responsible for purchasing cords through the teacher they earned the cord from. Honor and High Honors cords will be purchased through the senior sponsors.

Senior College Signing is on May 1st at 9 AM

Seniors Cords, Awards, and Scholarship Night is on TBA

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Commencement Ceremony 2026 Information

When and where will the Commencement Ceremony be held?

Time and Date - TBA May 2026. The ceremony will be held at Adams Arena at the St. Lucie County Fairgrounds – 15601 W. Midway Road Fort Pierce, Florida. The ceremony will begin promptly at TBA.

Graduates must arrive one (1) hour prior to the start of the ceremony and remain for the entire event. Students who arrive after the ceremony has begun will not be allowed to their assigned seat. Late students will sit behind all graduates seated on the floor. Gates will open for guests at TBA.

Will the Commencement Ceremony be live streamed?

Yes, the ceremony will be streamed live from the district website, Comcast Channel 13 & 1, Blue Stream Fiber Channel 19, ATT TV Channel 99, and SLPS Facebook Live page. The Graduation Ceremony will also be available for playback on WLX – Horizon app the week following graduation.

Tickets FAQs

Who needs a ticket to attend the Commencement Ceremony?

All guests, regardless of age, will need a ticket to enter the Fairgrounds/Adams Arena.

Does a baby or young child need a ticket?

Yes, everyone entering the Fairgrounds/Adams Arena needs a ticket, regardless of age.

When will students receive their tickets?

Students will receive their **TBD** Graduation tickets once they have met the following requirements: 24/18 credits, a 2.0 GPA, all obligations to the school are met, and they have visited the mandatory stations during graduation practice two (2). If students have met the aforementioned requirements, they will receive their tickets on TBA at the end of Graduation Practice.

Can I wear a custom or outside of school-issued cord/stole, medallion, or pin at commencement?

No. Only approved academic regalia designated and issued at or by Treasure Coast High School or the St. Lucie County School District may be worn during the ceremony. Approved items: AICE Stoles, Top Ten Medals, State Championship medal (1), Class Officer Stoles, Valedictorian and Salutatorian Stoles, AA cord, Stoles awarded at Scholarship Night, Honors/High Honors Cords, Academy Cords, CTE Cords, Honor Society Cords, AFJROTC Cords, CNA Pins, Youth Advisory Council Cords, Young Floridian Cords, and Senior Pins.

Can caps be decorated?

No. Students entering graduation with a decorated cap will not be permitted into the arena. Caps must not be decorated at all.

Can earbuds be worn into the arena by seniors?

No. All students will be asked to remove earbuds or headphones prior to processing into the arena. Students will not be permitted into the arena with earbuds or headphones.

What should I do if I lose part of my regalia before the ceremony?

Secure your items. In the case that an item is lost, please see the Senior Class Sponsor (Ms. Berrios or Mrs. Homer) who is assigned to your building. Your line leader can help you.

What should I wear under my graduation gown?

Students may wear the following attire under their graduation gown: dress shirt or blouse, dress shirt and tie, dark dress or dark dress pants and dark dress shoes. For your own safety and comfort, high-heeled and/or open-toe shoes are not recommended. Closed-toe low heels or flats are strongly recommended.

Where should I report and when should I arrive at the Commencement Ceremony?

All graduating seniors will be allowed entry to Buildings A and B at 7:00 a.m. Students will be given their Building Assignments at Graduation Practice. All students should report to their assigned building and check in with their assigned line leader. Students should use the restrooms after attendance is taken to avoid waiting until the last minute. You must remain with your line leader.

When do I receive my name card?

After the processional and all students are seated, your line leaders will pass down your name cards. You will bring this up to the stage when your line is raised. As you approach the stage, you will hand in your name card to the person reading names. DO NOT FORGET YOUR NAME CARD AT YOUR SEAT!

What if I arrive after the ceremony begins?

Go directly to the arena entrance and a staff member will escort you to a seat behind the rest of the students. You will go up to the stage at the end of the last line.

Where do I place my personal belongings?

There is NO place to store personal belongings. Please leave all personal belongings at home, in your vehicle, or with a family member before you enter the Fairgrounds. The School District, Treasure Coast HS, and the Fairgrounds cannot be responsible for securing student valuables.

When will I receive my diploma?

Printed diplomas and envelopes will be distributed to all graduates immediately after the ceremony in your assigned Building (A or B). As soon as the recessional takes place, students will follow their line into their assigned building. Your line leaders will have your diplomas. ALL GRADUATES MUST SIGN FOR THEIR DIPLOMAS PRIOR TO LEAVING THE VENUE.

Guest FAQs

When should my family & guests arrive for the Commencement Ceremony?

Family and guests should plan to arrive at least one (1) hour prior to the start of the ceremony which will begin promptly at TBA. They should expect a heavy volume of traffic and allow time to park and walk to the ceremony site. **Doors will open for all ticketed guests at TBA and are temporarily closed during the start of the ceremony.**

Where do ticketed guests enter the venue?

Guests, family, and friends will use the front/main/North entrance. (Ticket Booth) Due to increased security, there will be metal detectors at the gate for all guests and graduates.

Are guests allowed to bring water or video cameras into the venue?

Yes. Guests, family, and friends are allowed to bring water, cameras, or video cameras. **However, balloons, and/or airhorns or other noise makers are NOT allowed. Please be considerate of those around you.**

Are guests allowed to bags into the venue?

Yes, but they must be NO LARGER than a handbag. Any diaper bags or photography bags will be searched prior to entry of Adams Arena. All guests and graduates will go through metal detectors prior to entering the Arena.

Special Accommodations FAQs

Are there special accommodations for parking and seating?

There are limited, special parking and seating areas for individuals needing special accommodations. Please plan to arrive early.

Are there other special accommodations available?

Yes. A sign language interpreter will be visibly located and signing during the ceremony.

If I have other questions, whom should I contact?

Please contact the Senior Class Sponsors, Ms. Berrios or Mrs. Homer, at Treasure Coast High School by phone (772-807-4300) or email.

Graduation Format

1. Processional
2. National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance

3. Mr. Lehman Introduces special guests
4. Class President's Address to Seniors
5. Salutatorian Speech
6. Valedictorian Speech
7. Superintendent's Address to Students
8. Principal Lehman's Address to Students
9. Announcing of Graduates
10. Superintendent Certifies Graduates
11. Turn Tassels
12. Alma Mater
13. Recessional